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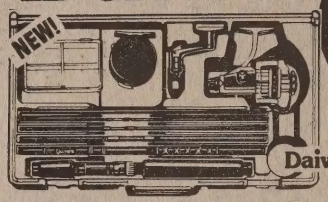

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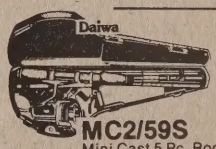

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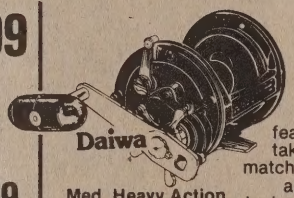

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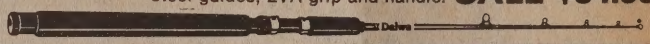

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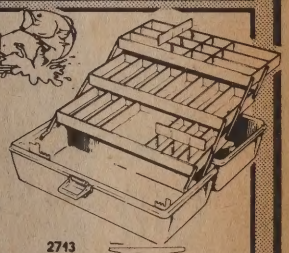

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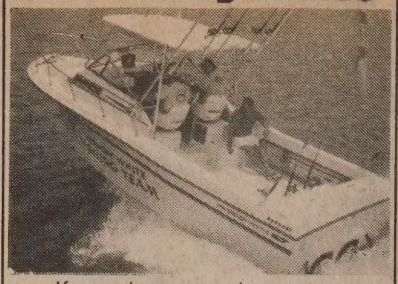

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Indeed, a subject every crew member should be familiar with. For more information and registration, please contact your L.I. "Survival Technologies" agent, Jens Jacobs at Nautical Service, 220 Rt. 25A, Northport, NY 11768 or call (516) 757-7169 during business hours. Please note: register by phone or mail. Name, address and phone number must be provided for each person you register. Arrangements for a 50-plus club seminar can be made.

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$250,000. That's right, a quarter of a million dollars will go to the winner of the Big Bassin' 86 Tournament. This major sporting event will take place on West Lake Toho and the Kissimmee chain of lakes, on January 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Second place is worth $70,000, third place pays $65,000, fourth place pays $60,000, fifth place pays $40,000, sixth place pays $35,000, seventh place pays $30,000, eighth place pays $25,000, ninth place $20,000, tenth place pays $15,000. Eleventh place through twentieth place pays $7,500 each and twenty first through fiftieth place pays $3,500 each.

But wait, that's only the beginning; there will be drawings for the first 100 entrants with a prize of a 1986 Glasstream Bass Boat, Glassride Trailer and a 150 hp Yamaha Outboard engine. The second 100 entrants will draw for a 1986, Yamaha 150 hp Outboard Engine. The fourth 100 entrants will draw for a cash prize of $4,000.

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The entry fee for this tournament is $3,000 and is open to both men and women anglers. The entry fees are being held in an escrow account by the Bank of Central Florida until all prizes are awarded.

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BOAT OWNERSHIP SEES STEADY INCREASE TO YEAR 2000

Recreational boats owned in the U.S., currently at about 13 million, will reach 19 million units by the year 2000, provided that adequate boating facilities are made available, according to the Statistics Committee of the National Marine Manufacturers Association. The committee made the announcement concurrently with publication of its booklet, *A Long Term View of Boating Recreation Demand.* Containing statistics from U.S. Bureau Census population reports and NMMA studies, the booket forecasts boat ownership, future trends in boating participation and the number of boat owners versus participants to the year 2000.

The Committee projected the 19 million unit estimate after reviewing population forecasts, boat ownership and boating participant figures from 1950 to the present.

One reason boat ownership is projected to rise: the Baby Boom generation is coming of age and there will be an increase in household formations and the number of households moving into an income bracket where a boat purchase is affordable—even though population growth will slow in the 1990s.

The 20-page forecast features a number of charts, including complete boating registration statistics by state for 1983, boating population statistics and personal consumption expenditures in the U.S. from 1960-1984. Copies of *A Long Term View of Boating Recreation Demand* are $25 each. Send request with check to NMMA Statistics, 401 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

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The first part of the film is devoted to the exact how's and why's of tackle rigging. It is narrated by Captain Tim Davis, an experienced charter captain who previously mated on the "Cookie Too," the Murray Brothers famous fishing machine, before taking the job as manager of Murray's wholesale tackle operations. Tim takes the viewer through each sequence of rigging tackle for tournament and giant tuna fishing. From assembling the equipment, through splicing double lines, tying the Bimini, making the mono to dacron splice, attaching swivels, setting drags, rigging gaffs and safety lines.

Tim also demonstrates how to rig mackerel and mullet, including the techniques for de-boning and hook placement. Step by step instructions show exactly how the Murray team rigs artificial squids in daisy chains and spreader rigs.

The final part of the video is all action as giants crash baits and daisy chains. Exciting film shows anglers fighting the fish and the Murray team wiring, gaffing and boating these magnificent fish. Releasing giants is also covered, plus the techniques for reviving the fish.

This is truly a unique experience for other giant tuna anglers to see firsthand the methods used by this very successful team. The video costs $79.95, including UPS shipping charges. It is one hour and 52 minutes in length.

Order a copy by sending a check or money order to Murray Brothers, 207 East Blue Heron Blvd., Riviera Beach, FL 33404; or for faster delivery call (305) 845-1043 and charge it to your Master Card or Visa. *Tuna Mania!!* makes a great Christmas gift.

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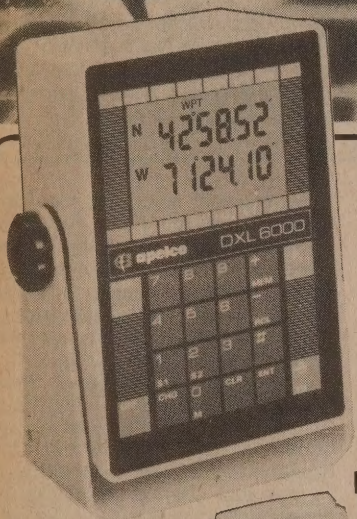

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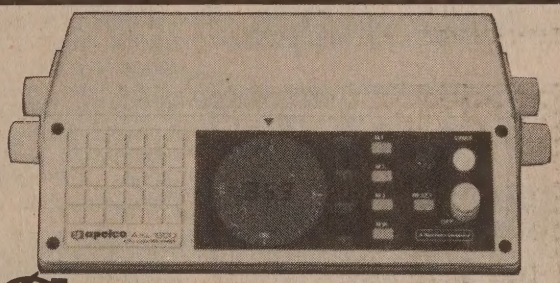

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by Russ Wilson

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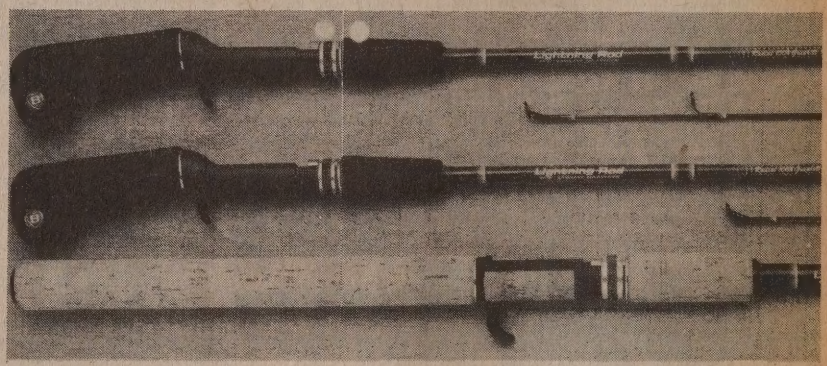
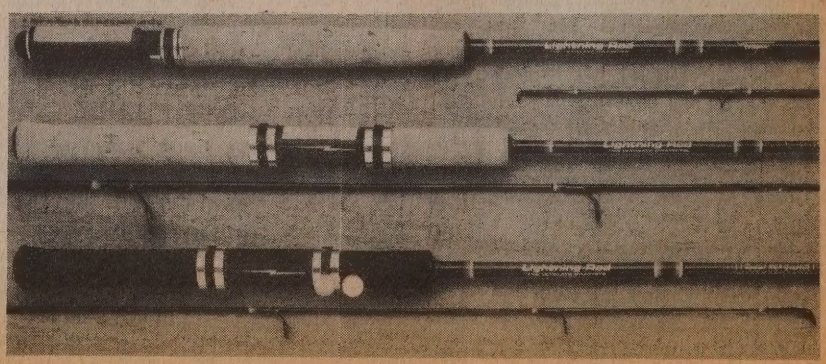
The complete line of these 100 percent graphites numbers something like 35, including fly, spin, popping and plug casting models. For sure, no one could afford to purchase all of the individual rods in this extensive lineup. We have four distinctly different Lightning Rods and each has found a place among our most often used items.

The LR27-6'-F is an ultra sensitive six foot spinning rod that is rated to handle lures in the 1/4 to 5/8 ounce range. We have extended the weight range to 1½ ounces when drift fishing for fluke where a heavier sinker was needed to keep the baits near bottom and find the rod's capabilities are definitely understated. When matched up with a mid size spinning mill such as the Shimano MLX 300 or the Penn 714 this is a superb outfit for taking inshore species such as fluke, bluefish, weakfish and other species including the Atlantic bonito, false albacore or sea bass and porgies which are basically bottom feeding fish.

Although the LR27 is an excellent choice for light tackle fish, it is not our personal favorite. That distinction goes to the LR50-5'9" model. This particular rod features cork grips and a trigger grip on the reel seat. It is a dandy fluke rod when paired with the Penn 930 or Penn 940, Shimano SG50, Shakespeare President or any of the larger Daiwa casting reels.

The LR50-5'9" is rated for lures in the 1/4 to 3/4 ounce range, but again, we've used it when drift fishing where it was necessary to use sinkers of up to three ounces and it handled them quite well. One of the nicest features of this rod is the trigger grip which allows two hand casting and the cork





grips which give it a more dressy appearance.

The standard type bait casting rods are equally impressive. We have two: the LR16H5½' which is rated for lures in the 1/2 to 1¼ ounce range and the LR16-5½' which is slightly lighter than the LR16H and is rated for lures in the 3/8 to 3/4 ounce class. Both rods are excellent for many types of inshore fishing and with each we've caught everything from winter flounder to fast running fish such as the Atlantic bonito and sluggers like those big slammer blues which come down the coast each fall.

According to Berkley scientists, the reason these rods are so versatile is the graphite content and the manner in which the Lightning rods are constructed. The *Radial* construction, using the uni-directional fibers plus a radial graphite that actually wraps around the other fibers give superior hoop strength plus the sensitivity that is evident in each of the Lightning rods within the series. Another plus factor is the through butt method that is used by Berkley when building the Lightning rods. Each blank goes through from tip to butt, increasing both strength and sensitivity for the user.

Our only fly rod, the LR40-8' is rated to handle fly lines in the 6 to 7 weight class and yet we've rigged it with a weight forward #8 line when seeking blues and weakfish and find the heavier fly line seems to bring out the action of the rod better than does the recommended 6 or 7 weight line.

During the fall, when big blues were prowling the inshore waters and feeding upon the abundant supply of rainfish, sand eels and mullet, we used the LR40 with a #8 weight forward to present big bucktail streamers tied on a #2 hook to blues and weakfish and found the rod totally capable of handling the big flies and the fish without being overpowered. This is something that many of the graphites we've purchased from other manufacturers could not do in a similar situation.

In addition to their excellent fish fighting qualities, the Lightning Rod Series also offers the buyer lots of eye appeal. The bright red, yellow and black against the radial wrap (which incidentally, gives the rod a diamond like effect) makes them a rod each user is proud to own. The casting rods we have had for a couple of years look as bright and shiny as the day we bought them and that's after two years of hard usage.

Berkley backs the Lightning Rods with a money back guarantee if you feel the rod is not the strongest you have ever used. That is saying a lot, but the company feels so secure in their product that they have offered the same guarantee since introducing the Lightning Rods.

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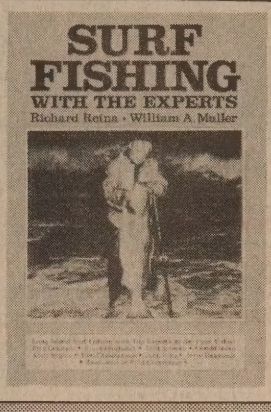

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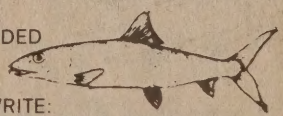

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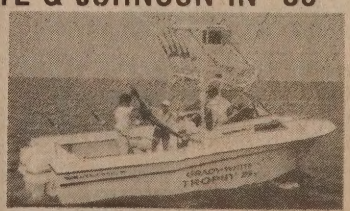

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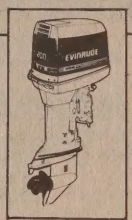

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I am going to Key West for the first time and I am driving down by car and will have room to carry my fishing gear.

I was wondering if you could tell me what fishing gear to take, such as rods, line, lures and such.

I'll be heading south soon. I wrote to the Keys for info from an article I read in a previous issue as I am a subscriber, but was sent only vague information. I am sure others who read The Fisherman would be interested in the same kind of information. Thank you. *Frank Lonbardo.*

Dear Frank,

You fail to mention what kind of fish you are hoping to catch, but I assume you will be fishing the flats, maybe the Harbor and also some reef (bottom type) fishing, and if you are lucky a shot or two at the big game species which inhabit relatively close inshore areas.

Here goes. For the flats and other shallow water fishing where your main target will be tarpon, bonefish and maybe permit, you will need a mid weight casting or spinning outfit. Line test will vary, but we've always had good success when spooling our casting reels with 15 to 20 lb. test and our spinning outfits with line of similar pound test.

Those Key West Harbor tarpon come big. The fish average 100 or better and we have hooked 200 pound tarpon on occasion. A heavy duty spinning or conventional type rod matched with a large line capacity reel that's filled with 20 lb. test mono should get the job done. You will be fishing at anchor in the harbor and most of the fish will be hitting bait or a bucktail/bait combo. Occasionally mid size MirroLures are used also with heavy duty tackle. A big tarpon is one tough customer and you will need tackle that is capable of holding one that decides to head out of the harbor or directly off into the Atlantic.

Most of the flats fishing is done when casting from a drifting boat. You can chase the fish, so you probably will not need too much beef in your equipment. Barracuda are always a possibility, so make sure you carry some wire leaders to avoid bite offs from these toothy critters. Yellow surgical tubes rigged with treble hooks are a favorite of many experienced barracuda fishermen, but plugs, spoons and natural baits will also catch plenty of barracuda.

I'd also bring one lightweight casting or spinning outfit that is along the lines of what you would use when seeking weakfish, blues or school size striped bass. This is ideal for tackling with bonefish, small tarpon or groupers, snappers and other bottom fish including yellowtails and blue runners. With the lightweight gear you can enjoy the fight these lesser species provide and still be in a position to handle a larger fish should one grab your bucktail or bait.

Reef fishing is an entirely different ball game. Some of the Atlantic side reefs harbor big amberjacks and you won't handle these nasty brutes on flimsy gear. Strong boat rods or heavy duty spinning tackle will get the job done but only after a long, hard fought battle. You should carry at least one heavy boat rod for this type of fishing and have at least one extra spool for the reel. You will lose a lot of ambers to the reefs and wrecks but believe me, they are one heck of a fish to catch.

Gulf Coast wrecks will probably have some permit, cobia and lots of 'cuda, snappers, yellowtails and blue runners. If you get a chance to fish the wrecks, bring several outfits of varying weights so you can enjoy whatever happens along. We've caught cobia to over 50 lbs. and can attest to their fighting and eating qualitites. We do like fishing for cobia!

Unless you know the offshore waters, you probably will not do much fishing for sails or marlin. If you do plan to fish for these glamour species I suggest you arrange a charter well in advance, for the Key West charter boats are usually booked months ahead of the actual fishing season for billfish. Once you learn where to fish you can attempt it on your own. The billfish waters are not very far off and many tourists who trailer boats fish them exensively when sails or marlin are running.

Once you arrive at Key West and get set up in a motel or hotel, you might want to visit a couple of the marinas where charter and private boat owners gather. It's a good place to pick up bits and pieces of info on current fishing opportunities. We usually stop at Boog Powell's Anglers

Marina on Stock Island and at Ocean-side Marina on the Atlantic side of the Key. Both shops cater to tourists as well as year-round residents and fresh bait is always available at both locations. You should enjoy a memorable trip, Key West is one nice spot.

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Dear Doc,

I am searching for a mail order catalog company that sells those large unpainted cork floats (2½x1 inch) that are used when surf fishing. Do you know of a mail order house which carries these items?

Barbara Herrera.

Dear Barbara,

Try the following mail order houses. All of them sell unfinished and finished lures and most should have exactly what you need.

E. Hille, P.O. Box 996, Williamsport, PA 17703. THere is a $1 charge for their catalog which is refundable with the first order.

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Reed Tackle, Box 1348, Fairfield, NJ 07007, is another excellent source of component parts and all types of fly tying materials. The catalog is free of charge.

If you do not meet with success when contacting any of these mail order firms, please contact me at The Fisherman and I'll try some other outlets that have helped us in the past.

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Dear Doc,

I have a favorite hook for codfishing: the Sproat 7/0, Cat. No. 3366 or 3367. I would like to purchase 200, but I am unable to find a tackle dealer who will sell under 1,000. Can you list some dealers you know who will sell these amounts, as I am sure this has been the dilemma of a few other fishermen. *Joseph Bacchi.*

Dear Joe,

I don't know if you are pulling my leg or not. I've never run into a situation such as you describe. Most of the tackle shops I've dealt with throughout the years were more than happy to sell loose hooks in lots of 100 or more.

The lone exception to this rule is when you are requesting a special type hook or an odd model (which the Sproat is not) and the dealer must order in lots of 1,000 in order to get a shipment from the rep group.

Check the ad section in The Fisherman and call some of the shops that are advertisers. I'm sure you'll get results. I just can't imagine any tackle shop owner not getting items his customers want even when it means a little additional effort on his part. The only thing that separates the small shop owner from the big discount houses is his ability to offer service on an individual basis and that's all you are asking.

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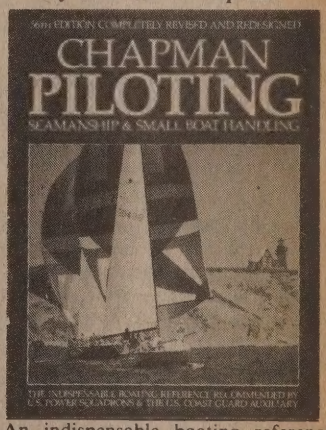
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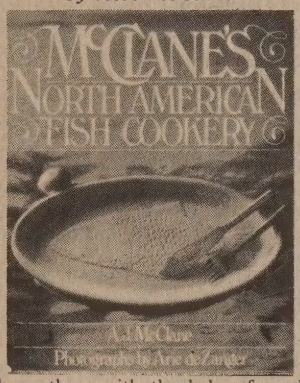

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CONFESSIONS OF A CODFISH SHARPIE

by Lou Rosado

The author has taken more than his share of "winter kings." Here is how he does it.

Cabin fever is a deadly disease if not caught in its early stages. It usually occurs in individuals five to six weeks after the last stripers have left for warmer waters and can last until the flatties come out of the mud in April. If allowed to run its course the unfortunate victim will exhibit signs of uneasiness; perhaps showing a desire to build rods, build or rebuild reels, or indulge in some other mid-winter type pastime. It is a disease akin to boredom—the afflicted sufferer often found gazing for hours at a time at old fishing albums, recent and past issues of various outdoor publications or perhaps found tying new and improved rigs previously unknown to mankind.

In extreme cases the victim will often associate with others who are similarly afflicted. Large groups of cabin stricken casualties can often be seen frequenting sporting goods stores or marinas. Here the victims find consolation with others who are also seeking a cure-all for their boredom and all of them feel that talking about fishing is better than doing nothing at all. Certainly, misery loves company—especially where fishermen are concerned, but there are some individuals who would rather be fishing than doing anything else. And I am one of them.

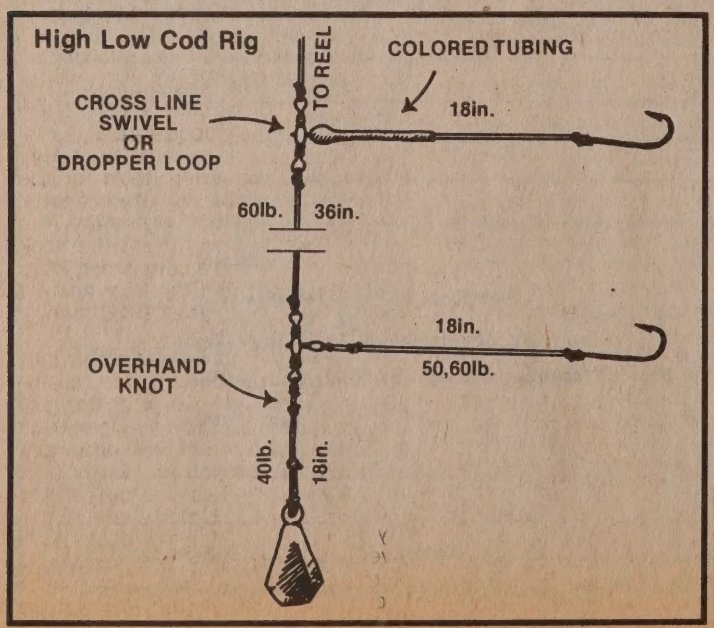
I hadn't wet a line in six weeks and was feeling a bit out of sorts when Captain Richie Kessinger of the Starstream II called me at my office at Edelman's Sporting Goods. He asked me to join him that Friday for a taste of codfishing and, feeling as though cabin fever was setting in and, believing that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, I decided to join him.

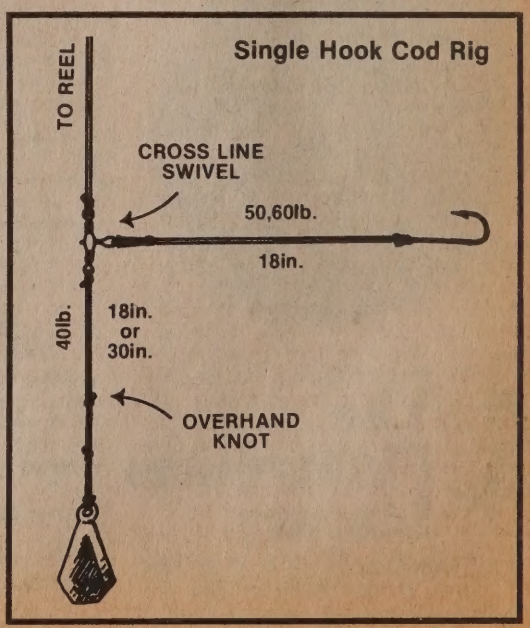
We left the dock at 5:30AM heading southeast of Jones Inlet until we arrived on a good piece of bottom. Moments after the anchor was set I had cast out my rig and had the first cod in the bucket before most anglers were rigged up. In minutes, most everyone was taking cod in quantity and before day's end I had my best catch of the season with 47 fish over the rail. I no longer felt the cabin fever that had plagued me for the last six weeks, but I did notice something that intrigued me. Though most angler's pails and coolers were full there were some who only had a few fish to their credit. Undoubtedly they were doing something wrong.

The key to successful codfishing is the various techniques that one acquires throughout the years spent fishing over the wrecks and reefs that abound off Long Island's shores. Whether you are fishing from a party boat or your own private pleasure craft, the tactics for catching cod are basically the same and easily learned. Appropriate rigs and their construction, the best baits and how to work them, and proper rod and reel choice are the three major areas of concern that the beginner as well as the pro should master.

My favorite rig consists of a single hook (7/0 Sproat or Beak offset) when the dogfish are overpowering or when I am fishing on a wreck and a double or high-low rig when the "spinys" aren't around. Generally you can avoid catching dogfish by lowering your hooks closer to the bottom. I have found that one is more likely to catch cod when the hook is from 6 to 10 inches off the bottom and by using this approach you will often avoid hooking a dog. Anyone who is fishing a high-low rig will often find that a dogfish has taken the top hook before a cod has had a chance to take the bottom.

One of the characteristics of the succesful cod rig is the breakaway sinker. If your rig should become





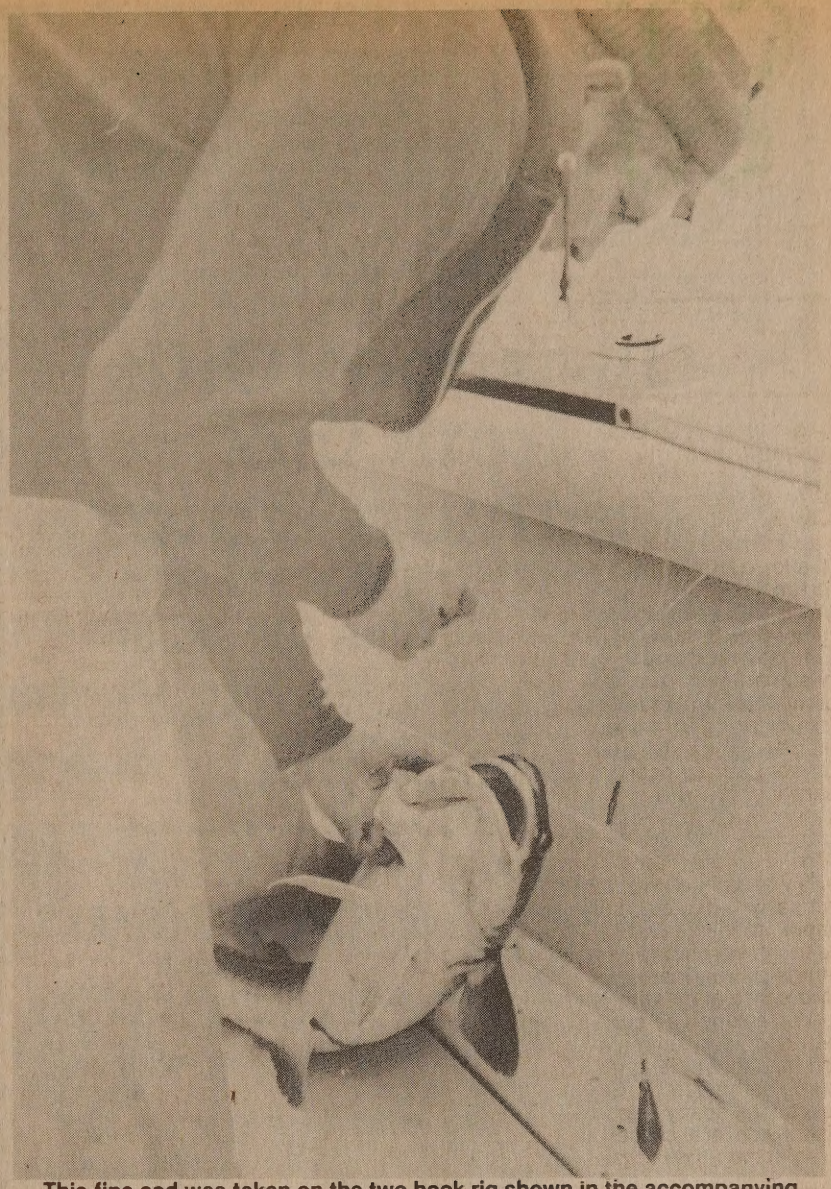
fouled on a wreck or the bottom, your sinker should be able to break away from the rest of the rig. When using 50 lb. leader in line to your sinker, a simple overhand knot tied in the line will actually diminish the line strength enough so that if you do snag something, a few good pulls on the line will cause the knot to cut itself, freeing the hooks and possibly the cod that fouled your rig in the first place.

The two hook cod rig consists of a lead sinker suspended from 40 to 50 lb. test mono. At a point approximately 18 inches above the sinker, a cross line swivel or dropper should be tied in to which you can attach the snell from your hook. This snell, the line that comes pre-attached to the hooks when you buy them in a store, should be 18 inches long or just short enough to prevent the hook from fouling on the sinker if a tangle should occur. At a point 36 inches above your first hook, you should tie in another cross line swivel and attach to it a similar snelled hook. The two hook rig, a good choice when not fishing on a wreck, will often account for many double headers of cod and very large pollock. When large fish are hooked in tandem, the test of the leader should be 50 lb. or more to prevent a break in the leader if the two fish pull against each other. Remember, if you are using a dropper loop instead of the cross line swivels, you should tie the loop very close to the line. When the loop is tied close, it acts as a standoff and helps to keep the snell and hooks away from the rest of the rig.

Color is as important to cod as it is to dogfish, so when the dogs are around refrain from putting colors on your rigs. The best place to add a piece of colored tubing is at the juncture between the cross line swivel or dropper and the snell of the hook. In this position, the tube is unobstructed by the bait and it further serves to help stand off the line from the rig. Red, fluorescent orange, yellow and green are all productive colors for cod.

By far the best bait to use for cod is the sea clam or skimmer. This bait, when fresh, is deadly on cod but unfortunately it is also an attractive lure for those bait stealing cunners called bergalls. To help keep the skimmer on the hook longer I like to salt the clams with Kosher salt. The salt firms up the clams and makes them a more durable bait.

Bergalls can be overpowering sometimes and when they are, it doesn't pay to keep feeding them fresh skimmer clam. Conch, a readily attainable snail, is an enticing and extremely durable bait when prepared properly. To prepare conch, remove the snail from the shell. Cut the foot, the large blackish structure that the conch uses for locomotion, into a cylinder. Then, cut a strip about six inches long from the outer diameter of the foot just as if you were peeling an orange. Next, pound the bait with a blunt object to prevent it from curling up on the hook and then scrape the outer surface to make the bait white. Hook the strip twice leaving two or three inches trailing off. A good piece of conch can last all day and still be serviceable after repeated hook-ups.



This fine cod was taken on the two hook rig shown in the accompanying diagram. ***Photo by Dick Mermon.***

The reel that you choose for codfishing should have an adequate line capacity capable of holding at least 200 yards of 40 lb. mono. A 3/0 or 4/0 reel is perfect and one with a fast retrieve ratio is preferable, especially when fishing in deeper waters over 100 feet. The Daiwa 50H or SMF 250, or Penn's 113H and 112H, are perfect reels for this type of fishing. They are powerful reels and are equipped with fast retrieves. For casting, the SMF 250 has an anti-backlash system employing magnets to help stop bird's-nests.

Rods come in all different lengths and actions, but for codfishing, the longer the rod, the better. Though you can catch cod with a conventional bluefishing outfit consisting of a rod from 6 to 6½ feet in length, I am convinced that the longer rods, the 7 and 8 footers in medium to heavy actions, are the perfect tools for the job for many reasons. They enable you to keep your bait stationary in a rolling sea, allow you to set the hook positively, give you a better cast, keep your line away from the boat and let you "walk over" other fishermen if you score on a bucketmouth.

In the old days, keeping the bait stationary on the bottom was accomplished by using a knuckle buster reel that permitted you to let out line as the boat rose up on the crest of a wave and then allowed you to quickly pick up the loose line as you descended into the trough. Unfortunately, today's reels are equipped with an anti-reverse lever which makes it difficult to manipulate the line as the boat pitches and although the reels that we

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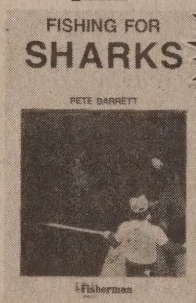

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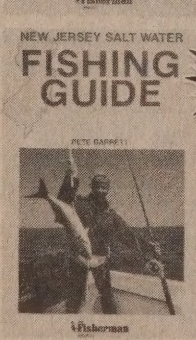

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use today are fast, they are still not as fast as the speed attained using a knuckle buster with a 4 to 6 inch spool diameter.

The longer rod, however, compensates for the line control that is lost using today's reels. With the longer rod you can lower the tip of it as the boat rises up on a swell and raise it as the boat descends. A 7 or 8 foot rod can compensate for swells in excess of 6 feet quite easily, keeping your bait right in front of a cod's nose even in a rolling sea.

Though cod can be found in relatively shallow water they are most often found in deep water exceeding 100 feet. In these depths, it is often necessary to use lead sinkers from 8 to 14 ounces to hold bottom when the tide races. In addition to the lead sinker the average codfisherman is also using monofilament line. A stretchy material to say the least, monofilament necessitates the use of the longer rod. The longer rod gives you a longer length of pull that you otherwise would never attain with a 6 or 6½ foot stick. With the longer pull you will get all the stretch out of the line, lift the heavy sinker and still apply enough force to the hook to set the barb in Mr. Cod's tough mouth.

Fishermen are a very courteous bunch, usually that is, but often you can spot the bungling beginner who: is constantly fouling his line on others', causing all sorts of havoc to his neighbors and their equipment and, quite simply, just hasn't mastered the method of fishing in a crowd. This neophyte can cause an otherwise happy lot of fishermen to become a raging pack of animals like those found in the stands at a Pittsburg Steelers game. If you feel that perhaps you are one of these poor unfortunates, the longer rod is definitely for you. With it you can cast further from the boat presenting your bait to incoming cod who are being drawn by the scent of your neighbor's bait. Casting also allows your baits to descend in a trailing manner that will keep them from becoming tangled. The longer rod gives you better casting control and often requires only an underhand flip to send your rig out 30 to 50 feet from the boat. Shorter rods require a full cast swing that often results in sending your neighbor's prized fishing cap into the briny. The more control that the longer rod provides will enable you to better present your baits, avoid tangles and prevent you from being tossed overboard by an irate angler who wants you to retrieve his hat.

Codfishing is a year-round sport in Long Island waters, but the peak season is between late November and April. Cod are a cold water fish and fishing for cod requires warm clothing (lots of warm clothing), preparation of tackle and a bit of luck. Rather than hibernating for the winter and suffering the effects of cabin fever while eating freezer burned bluefish, you could be at the rail hooking those "whisker chin cod."

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A SURFMAN'S DREAM COME TRUE

by Tim Coleman

It was a special time and I'd like to share it with you now.

The nights were inky, full of stars and large bass. For two days, the grapevine hummed with news of a pick-up in the level of fishing. Some cheated, keeping more than the law allowed, but a number of others obeyed conservation dictates and kept only their quota. In that batch, a lot were destined for the taxidermist's workbench. They were of that size.

Art's fish was just shy of the magic 50, but the Jersey guy had a 55 pounder. A week later, Steve hauled his first ever up the beach and later to Wally Brown. We all gathered around the registered, portable scale, hastily set up out on the windy lawn of the rented cottage. All leaves were gone from the trees and the early morning sky was low with a chill that cut through even a fresh cup of the hottest coffee. The owner of the scale was rousted from a groggy sleep only begun a short time ago. The scale fidgeted a bit, but finally, solidly, settled 12 ounces over 50 pounds. Anyone who fought long and hard to arrive at that point knew the weight lifted from the angler's shoulders.

With that bit of news came word of some beached 60 pounders and others that just ran away, leaving angler to ponder bent and broken treble hooks. For some the memory would last all winter as that was their last hook-up of 1985. Time was running out.

That evening at the cottage people gathered around the table as souls weary from last night's long night spoke about the horses in the wash and planned yet another try. A front was due in, so the time would be creased by high winds and rain heavy enough to turn your back to it. As darkness closed around, cars and vans left for spots undetermined. Drivers sipped coffee, concentrating on the dimming light and 12 hour effort ahead. Most roads were deserted save for a few locals heading home to their TVs. The lights from their homes would shine a bit but the land would go dark except for the slice of a headlight that told you someone was moving, looking for a better position.

By 7PM, the wind was a steady 25 and freshening with the coming tide. No matter how you tried your line was greeted with a disheartening bow that made a solid hook-up impossible. All around the charging surf spelled bass; it was their killing ground. Around everyone's boots the water rose swiftly as they concentrated on the job at hand. By the tide's first hour the rain started; not a downpour, but in that wind it got into everything, chilling bodies tired and sore from prolonged fishing. It was a night where dues were due.

With many of that group already on the scoreboard another tough night so late in the year wasn't palatable. In all truth some had fished so hard they were rundown, one to the point of slight fever and chills, yet even he stayed until mid-tide. That's how good the water looked. One by one, though, they retreated to the warmth of the cottage to rest and sip coffee or stuff in amber bottles and let the rain beat against the window.

By 10:30 only two darkened souls remained. One was a native, a person one might overlook on surface inspection of a bass fisherman's stature. His beat-up car contrasted against a $20,000 beach buggy yet that man knew more about bass than many: he was one of the best. Even he, though, shipped out for greener pastures. You never knew he left. All of a sudden, he was gone, never showing a light as he walked along the boulder beach without the aid of a necklight. Yes, he is that good.

That left just one, a person who has never caught a 50 pound bass in 19 years trying. Don't ask why, but something inside him told him to stay put on that miserable point. Keep casting, he told himself and the prize may be yours. The cold, fother muckin' rain ran down the inside of his rain jacket. Finally he caught an 8 lb. bluefish hooked in the belly.

It was one of the low points of his angling life. There alone on a black, rain-drenched hunk of land, he could only come up with one lousy blue while others had the fish of their dreams. Why in God's name can't I catch one, he asked himself? At that point the answer seemed too far away, like one of the raw deals life gives you no matter how hard you try. His mood was as low as one of the ugly clouds scurrying by at what looked like a rod's length overhead.

The warmth and friendship of the cottage was beginning to take hold. He was a smidgeon away from quitting when the rain eased as did the wind. The bow in the line flattened a bit, but still hindered his efforts. About the third cast afterwards he hauled back and barely managed to stick a 12 pounder. Back in the small bass went; he went up to the car for a splash of coffee.

Inside was cold and clammy, everything was wet to the touch; his breath quickly fogged the windows, but he was too tired to care. A small piece of Christmas cake, squashed under a box of hooks tasted like the salvation it was.

If it hadn't been for a tide change, he'd have quit. Somewhere in some such place these things are counted, his number came up. The ocean gave up four in quick succession: two in the 30s and two in the mid to low 40s. All were put back alive. Heartening as it was he was still shy of his quest.

In spite of the adrenalin pumping through him his eyes and body were close to ceasing operations. Back at the car again he found dead, cold coffee because he forgot to put the lid on the thermos. Thoughts of a warm breakfast with cool juice seemed the best bet right now.

Ordinarly he'd been satisfied with the night, calling it in. He was no better than any of the others who left; many times he quit only to find out later what mistakes he made. Something, though, poked him back out where winds rapidly dropped and patches of stars shone through. The wild surf of midnight now had a fine, rolling action, giving confidence to someone fighting to stay awake.

The hit was a slight bump not far from the farthest rocks. Off she went after feeling the 3/0 trebles. Down, down went the spool of the 7000. The fish was obviously better than any he'd hooked that night, but in the back of his mind was the thought why should this one be any different? If he landed the fish she'd probably be a fighting 46 pounder. Great fish, no doubt, but not the magic 50.

After the first long scramble failed to dislodge the hooks the battle, for the most, was over. Steady pumps of the rod and soon the fish lay quiet in the surf line. On shore, he lay the fish next to his rod with 47 inches marked off from grip to certain guide. That mark is usually good for a 50 that's been munching on sand eels awhile. His prize was short lengthwise, but holy heaven—what a girth! If it wasn't 50, it'll be 48 or 49. Thinking a minute, he decided to take it to a taxidermist otherwise he'd have let it live.

Other thoughts were a long way from the end of the next cast. He was mulling over which taxidermist when the lure stopped about the fourth rotation of the handle. Up on top came the fish, thrashing and throwing white this way and that, then down, off like a race car that made the last jumbo feel like a machine only running on five cylinders. Never had he tangled with any bass that ran that far that fast. God, please let everything hold together.

Luckily the fish made each move in the angler's favor. She swam by rocks and came up on just the right wave to also lay quiet on the shore. Total time was about three to five minutes from hook-up to completion. Earlier that season he'd fought and lost to a bass on eight minutes by a friend's watch. Now, finally he knew for sure on this last one. The creature at his feet was over 47 inches with girth to almost match the fat one. If this one ain't 50, he told himself, I'll eat this graphite rod, guide by guide.

He cast 15 more times in water begging to be fished in, but the thought of getting to a reliable scale was too much. Taking off the belt he put around his foul weather gear, he made a stringer, then made his way slowly back to the car, pausing several times, yet making as much speed as his body would allow.

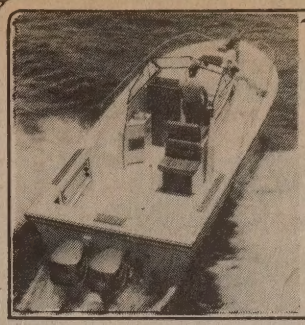
Back at the cottage, the sky was just turning light as he backed his "buggy" (a two-door Toyota) up to the garage. A reliable Chatillion scale was within. The first fish pulled the needle about one-quarter inch past 50, while the second went down a full inch below five zero. He'd caught two 50 pounders in one night! Church bells went off in his head!

Going upstairs he woke the others to alert them what might be left on the point. Each of his knocks brought muffled voices followed by hurried looks for socks and sweaters. Down they came to look at the fish, but more important, to find tackle before the sun stole higher.

After they left and the sky slowly went from pale grey to orange, he just sat in a chair in front of a picture window facing east, sipping the coldest, finest coffee he'd ever tasted. It was one of the most satisfying moments of his life.

A few hours later found him at the office showing off both fish to the ladies who worked there. Both were going on the wall so one of the women agreed to drive angler and fish over to the taxidermist, for the fisherman, despite the best night of his surf fishing career, was in no condition to drive. Away they went, she driving, him talking a mile a minute. By the time they'd gone five miles, though, he put down the large coffee to settle in a sound, peaceful sleep.

Editor's Note: To make the story complete, we should add the angler caught a third 50 pounder (a 51¼) three nights later. After 19 years without any 50s he got three in four days.



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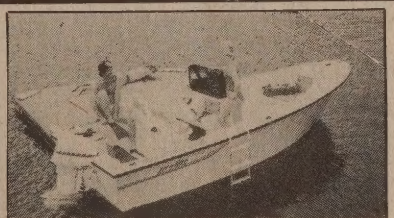

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COLD WEATHER BASSIN'

by Tom Schlichter

To the vast majority of Long Island's freshwater dedicates, the largemouth bass season ends with the first sustained cold spell of November, if not a little sooner. While officially, the season does not close until March 15th, even the most heavily fished lakes and ponds are usually deserted through the winter months. This, I'm sure, is based in part on the apparent unwillingness of bass to feed as well as the relative comfort most people find in a warm home and a Sunday football game.

Despite popular beliefs, it is quite possible to catch a few bass on a winter outing in our area, but you must alter your fishing patterns somewhat to achieve any degree of consistent success. To this extent, let's take a look at some of the ways that cold seems to affect largemouths and then we'll discuss some adjustments in fishing style that should help increase your winter harvest.

First and foremost, cold weather slows down the metabolism of bass. They move slower, eat less and generally appear to be uninterested in the world about them. During periods of extreme cold, they may even become semi-dormant, living off their fat reserves for several days at a time. They do not hibernate, however, and thus, must break down and eat from time to time.

As the water cools off during late fall, bass begin to search out deeper areas which may be a few degrees warmer than their favored shallow, summer haunts. In shallow lakes or ponds with no water exceeding eight or ten feet deep, they will gravitate toward the warmest water they can find. Perhaps an underground spring will provide the warmth they need, or a part of the lake where the sun shines unobstructed by the shadows of trees or houses. Sometimes they will move to the mouth of a small stream which may be contributing water slightly warmer than that in the lake itself.

Another effect of the cold is that lakes tend to become crystal clear as the algae and weeds which clouded it during the summer months die off. This affords the fish an extra good look at any offerings presented and tends to make bass considerably more selective than in warmer times.

Lastly, since bass metabolisms are slowed, the energy to digest large baitfish is unavailable. To make things easy on the stomach, largemouths tend to eat smaller morsels than they might during warm months when a large sunfish or shiner would be easily converted to energy.

As you can see then, bass are less inclined to feed, slower to act, overly choosy about what they do inject, and restricted to limited areas of any particular body of water. Additionally, since underwater visibility is generally excellent at this time of year, they can get a good, clear look at your presentation. These are the items which fishermen must address to make a winter outing a worthwhile proposition. No wonder few anglers bother.

Until one late November day in 1982, I was among those who packed in the bass gear at the first sustained cold snap of October. But through a quirk of fate, I began to untangle a few of the mysteries behind Long Island's winter bassing.

On that morning, I had awakened early and gone trout fishing at Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River. It's no secret that a few trout can be taken at this location through-

out the winter and I had in fact taken several small to medium sized fish. After returning home, I decided a nice large roast beef hero would make for a good lunch and headed out to a nearby hero shop. The shop was not yet open when I arrived, however, and a glance at the hours listed in the window revealed I would have about a fifteen minute wait. Too lazy to drive to a deli a few miles away, I figured a couple of casts for stocked trout in a lake across the street couldn't hurt. Even if there was nothing biting, it would keep me occupied until the shop opened.

Armed with a four pound test spinning outfit I used for trout and a 3 inch black back Rebel, I began casting the perimeter of a small cove. Much to my surprise, the second cast produced a solid smack and I found myself overwhelmed by the power of a decent sized largemouth bass. As there were no weeds or obstructions in the area, I took my time playing the fish, allowing it to make several solid runs. The light line held and without much trouble, I grabbed the tired fish's jaw and hoisted it triumphantly before releasing it. The bigmouth felt very cold to the touch but the fight it had just provided certainly dispelled the myth that bass are dormant throughout the winter.

My first reaction to taking that fish was "what luck." But ten more minutes of casting produced a second bass and I knew I was on to something. It did, however, take a while for the puzzle pieces to fall into place. After two years of refinement, my scores have become more and more consistent. They never match any of my better summer days, but I can expect to connect with at least three or four fish on most trips. Almost all my action has come on lures.

Apart from fishing in deeper waters, the most difficult adjustment the average basser will have to make is to slow down the retrieve. As mentioned earlier, bass metabolism will be much slower than in the summer months and thus, fast moving lures are likely to be ignored. Slowing down your retrieve is often more difficult than one might expect. You see, over years of bass fishing, each angler develops a retrieve speed which is productive with particular lures. Although he might vary that retrieve from time to time, it is difficult to go more than a few minutes without falling back into that old familiar rhythm. I think this was probably the reason my early attempts at winter bassing failed. On the day I hit my first November bass, I was using my favorite trout setup. The reel on this rig has a retrieve ratio of 3.6:1. My usual bass reel retrieves at 4.5:1. Thus, my retrieve was slower than normal even though I made no conscious attempt to make it so.

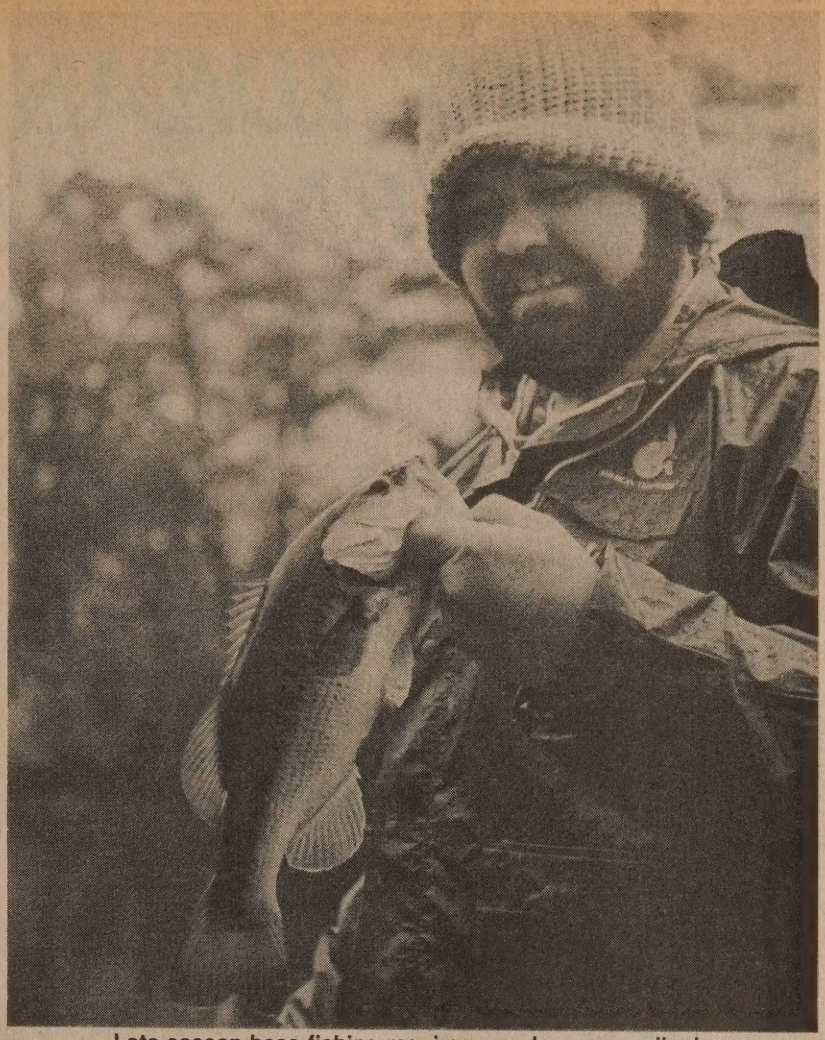
A second adjustment that needs to be made concerns lure size. Since it takes more energy for a bass to digest large pieces of food, they tend to favor smaller forage until warming water temperatures get their metabolism moving again in the spring. For this reason, lure selection should be kept to miniature imitations. During the cooler months, I rarely tie on any lure longer than 3 inches. Small spinners, light spoons and 2 to 3 inch Rebels or Rapalas make up the majority of my choices. These are small enough to be easily injested by even the laziest of bass and because of their size, seem to produce a great deal of action even at slow retrieval speeds.

Naturally, if you intend to work small, lightweight lures, it would follow that a lightweight setup should be employed. I work a 4 lb. test outfit and can cast even the smallest Rebels a fair distance. More important than casting, however, is the ability of light line to blend into the water. During winter months, the absence of thick topwater weed beds and algae allow shallow waters to take on amazing clarity. Eight to 10 lb. test lines stand out like a sore thumb. Even 6 lb. test can be obvious some days, but the thin diameter of 4 lb. test line makes it nearly invisible.

It goes without saying that all the adjustments in the world will not help you take any winter bass if you are working the "wrong" water. Look for largemouths to congregate in the deepest sections of shallow lakes, at the deep end of sun drenched coves, or in deep pockets where in-flows or outlets provide a current. In deeper Long Island waters, such as Wildwood Lake and Lake Ronkonkoma, 10 to 15 foot depths are the most productive.

As opposed to summer fishing which is usually a morning and evening affair, I've had my best luck fishing between two and three o'clock in the afternoon. I presume this is the time of day when the water is warmest and bass become most active. Also, fishing a cloudy day at the tail end of a warming trend seems to be more productive than other times.

Well, these hints should get you started but be assured it takes a little time to get on track. Just remember to keep those lines light, use small lures, and slow down your retrieve. Keep these points in mind and sooner or later a few of those winter largemouths should begin to come your way. If we get a few warm days in a row this winter, give it a try. You may be pleasantly surprised by the results.



Late season bass fishing requires you dress accordingly.

GIFT IDEAS FOR BOATMEN & ANGLERS

by Art Michaels

Gift shopping for the angler or boater on your list should be an easy task. Here are some ideas.

Buying fishing and boating gifts for people on your list can solve many gift giving problems. Even for the sportsman who has everything, there are always replacement items or better quality equipment and tackle that would make a great gift.

Along these lines, here are some gift ideas for anglers at all levels of know-how. Use these specific suggestions, or let the ideas point you in the right direction.

Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Even though you need only have PFDs available on some boats for all aboard instead of wearing them, a PFD makes a good gift because it's a required safety item. In fact, you may also want to encourage your gift-getter to wear the thing, not just have it available.

Life jackets come in all kinds, styles, and sizes, so fitting anyone should be a snap. Type I and Type II PFDs are good for kids and nonswimmers on any waterway. They're also the choice for offshore enthusiasts. Small boat anglers might like to receive Type IIIs, which double as fishing vests.

Lures: Sure, we all have tackle boxes full of them, but that's one thing that makes some anglers more successful than others—their ability to pick from their enormous selection just the right kind, style, size and color lure that the fish are taking.

Remember to consider giving three or four of the same lure. If your gift-getting angler uses one lure in a specific fishing situation frequently during the season, for example, a gift of three to four of the same lure would be a good choice.

Hooks: Saltwater enthusiasts might like a box or two of their favorite lure replacement hooks or bait hooks in different sizes, and freshwater anglers might like replacement treble hooks for plugs, an assortment of fly tying hooks, or a box or two of their

Follow the author's gift buying suggestions and your money will be well spent.

favorite worm hooks.

Line: Ask on this one. You know why—we all want different colors and strengths of line on each outfit. In addition, consider whether your gift-getter could use 1,000 yard spools of different line or perhaps 275 yard reel fill packs.

Terminal Tackle: It's the little things that count, so buy him a season's worth of stuff. Consider swivels, sinkers, and leader material, for starters.

Small accessories: This year I'm hoping for new long-nosed pliers with a leather belt case, or a new towel and belt clip for chumming trips. Before the hint gets too obvious, find out what items need replacing, and then go to it.

Custom Built Rod: Custom rod builders are your best bet here when it comes to new rods so that what you get is extra special. Sure, a kit could be fun, too, but if you or the person to whom you're giving the kit lacks the rod building skill, the results won't be good. To find a custom rod builder, ask around at the tackle shops listed in The Fisherman, or check out the ads that specify this service.

Fly Fishing Tackle: You could spend an arm and a leg on these items, as you could for other items, so if you don't have money to burn, consider a streamer fly wallet, a selection of flies, a bunch of commercially made leaders, a wading staff, fly line, a tape measure, a net, wading socks, or a new vest.

Fishing Books: What a great way to work off a case of cabin fever! Check out the ads in magazine for what's available in The Fisherman Library. You'll find a ton of practical information packed into a book that's reasonably priced. I appreciate that in a book, don't you?

Charter Fishing Trip: No, it's not too early to book for this coming spring. In The Fisherman you'll find an assortment of the most knowledgeable captains, so check out the ads and make calls. Your gift-getter would probably get a big kick knowing all winter long that he and his friends are booked for a trip next spring when the big ones start biting.

Safe Boating Course: The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons, and the American Red Cross, for example, offer courses in boating. New-boat owners in the family or friends who are novice boaters would be good choices for this gift. These agencies are listed in the phone book.

Boating Accessories: This suggestion is wide open, but useful. Fishermen don't often think of themselves as boaters, so a boating gift could be a pleasant, practical surprise on Christmas morning for an angler. For a freshwater boater with a small boat or canoe, how about new oars, paddles, portable bow and stern lights, an anchor, portable rod holders, or an electric motor? For saltwater enthusiasts or those with larger boats, how a about an ensign (flag), fire extinguisher, navigation chart, repair kit, or first aid kit?

For some anglers, a new custom fishing rod might make the perfect gift.

Electronic Device: A marine radio, CB, antenna, Loran, chart recorder, or temperature gauge could be just the right item.

Boating Books: If you're considering fishing books, look at the boating books, too. In my opinion, the book that every boater should have is Chapman's "Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling." It's a recently revised and updated classic.

Trailering Accessories: An angler and his boat are one thing. His trailer, which most people ignore at Christmas, is another thing. Consider a set of submersible lights, a stand for the trailer tongue, or a coupler lock.

Consider a **magazine subcription** or renewal. Here's where you can give a gift of good year-round fishing, on the water or in an easy chair.

Finally, other items you may wish to consider include: a fishing hat, an angler's thermometer, a season's worth of sun block, a commercially available fishing or boating log, a catalog, or store gift certificate, binoculars, rainwear, a compass, a case of 50:1 oil, an ice chest, a fillet knife, anchor line, a downrigger, a gaff, a reel, waders or hip boots, a vacuum bottle, a smoker, ice fishing gear, or a new tackle box.

In any case, on Christmas morning I expect my usual offerings of ties, socks, and underwear, but who knows—maybe my family's reading this.

OLD WHISKERS

by Matt Ahern

Fishermen who know me well will tell you I'm a codfish fan from 'way back.

I caught my first cod in 1925 when I was a mere tad of eleven. Now that happened a long time ago, no question about that, but my love for "Old Whiskers" has never lessened; actually, between you, me and that proverbial lamppost, I believe it has intensified over the years.

Let me say I have a sympathy, a camaraderie if you will, for all those fishermen, who, like I, think nothing of standing on the slush-slippery deck of a party boat in below freezing weather, wind keening across an ice-coated rod, numb fingers desperately trying to winch in a reluctant cod that absolutely refuses to budge until it's good and ready. And I'm quite familiar with that question that always flashes through a benumbed brain as the struggle goes on: "What in hell am I doing out here?" Oh, yes, I understand such fellows. Indeed, I do. The truth is, they and I wouldn't want it any other way. Would you like to know why? The answer is simple: we are in love with the codfishing game. Every blessed one of us.

Now, what does a codfish have that makes us go through our paces? Well, let's see.

For starters, size. The largest cod on record weighed 211¼ pounds and measured over six feet in length—which as any sinker bouncer will agree, is some codfish! This monster was caught commercially in 1885. During that same year, one of 180 lbs. was caught. This was its weight after cleaning, head removed, etc. No doubt, this fish was even larger than the record holder.

You've got to agree, cod do come large. But the amazing thing about this is that when these fish were first hatched from an egg 1/25th of an inch in diameter, they were a mere 1/8 inch in length. How such fish survive the rigors of sea life to attain that enormous size is a tribute to the cod's inherent ruggedness.

Because these great cod were caught by commercial dory fishermen off the northern coast of Massachusetts a hundred years ago, and with no runners-up in all that time, it is highly unlikely we poor sport fishermen will ever come close to these records. But you know, hope forever springs eternally in the breast of every dedicated cod fisherman. (Maybe that big rock that claimed your terminal tackle last winter wasn't a rock at all.) However, I'm sure you'll agree that cod over 75 lbs. are rare in our neck of the woods. But not to despair, for occasionally one larger than this is reported.

Fifty and 60 pounders are not uncommon, and many cod this size are caught each fall and winter in the New York Bight. (I've got a confession to make. You'd think that in the

60 years I've put in chasing "Old Whiskers," I would have decked at least one of these 50/60 pounders, but not so. Forty-eight pounds is the best I've done so far. Ah, me!) The average cod we catch, though, is from six to 10 lbs. But this means nothing to a confirmed codfisherman. He knows his next cod may tip the scales in the 30/40 lb. range.

Our friend, the Atlantic cod, is the roamer of the sea; its range is extensive. It is found on both sides of the North Atlantic Ocean, in water from six to 1500 feet in depth, depending on the area fished and time of year. Large catches are often made from the northern reaches of the Barents Sea, all around the coasts of Iceland, the southern coast of Greenland, thence along the coasts of Canada and the United States to as far south as North Carolina.

In our particular area, the New York Bight to North Carolina, cod are available only during winter. From Montauk north, cod support a large commercial and sport fishery twelve months a year. This is due to the effects of the Labrador Current.

The cod's color is variable, depending much upon the bottom it inhabits. Most cod have some shade of green, but they can also be gray, gray-black, black, red-brown, or bright red. I know the latter can be very beautiful, for I caught one some 50 years ago on New Jersey's 17 Fathom Bank. I still see those vivid shades of bright red, mingled with peppery dots of pure white. If it hadn't been gaffed, I believe I would have returned it. Nothing so beautiful in Nature should be destroyed—ever.

The cod's sides and back are sprinkled with green, brown, or reddish irregular spots, usually of one color on any one fish. These spots sometimes extend to the dorsal fins. The lateral line, that long slender line running the length of the fish on each side, is always of a pale hue, as is the stomach. All fins are usually the same color as the fish.

Cod have a tapered, streamlined shape, with a heavy, broad, nearly square tail. A small chin barbel, which incidentally is always equal to the diameter of the eye, is one of the outstanding characteristics of this fish. (There is certainly the hand of the Master Craftsman here.)

The cod's head is heavy and large, and it is possessed with a gaping mouth which contains small pointed teeth that lie in bands. The teeth of the outer row of the upper jaw and the inner row of the lower jaw are somewhat enlarged. The upper jaw and snout project slightly. The dorsal fins are always three in number; the anal fins, two. These are soft-rayed, containing no spines. Scales are small and round.

A codfish grows rapidly only during its early life, reaching approximately two feet in length when three years of age—at which time it spawns for the first time. Those European cod mentioned a minute ago grow much slower than those in the western Atlantic, averaging but a foot at the end of three years. Cod in the Bay of Fundy split the difference, reaching about 20 inches at the end of three years.

But lucky us—The fast growers are the ones that arrive each fall and winter along the south shore of Long Island and along the New Jersey Coast and the surrounding areas. These cod are thought to migrate (many tagged fish have been caught) from the Nantucket Shoals off Massachusetts. This fact, plus their faster growth rate is thought to be because of the available food supply, but this is not certain. It is also known that these Nantucket cod are the only ones that migrate. Cod on the far offshore grounds, such as the Grand Banks off Newfoundland, and the Georges Bank off Massachusetts, maintain a year-round residency.

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When life begins for the cod, it is but a mere speck on the surface of the vast North Atlantic. But when it attains maturity, each female, depending on size, spawns from three to ten million eggs at one time. Phew! (Some fishery scientists say this may be a low figure, citing a possible 12 million and more.) When we fishermen consider the millions of parent fish, the total amount of eggs spawned each winter is indeed astronomical—in fact, it is beyond reasoning power. Unquestionably, most of these eggs perish because of adverse weather conditions, or serve as food for other fish.

For successful spawning, a water temperature of 47 degrees is necessary. This must be consistent for 10 to 11 days. Higher temperatures shorten this period, lower ones lengthen it. No doubt this is the critical period, for if hatched too far above or below that required 47 degree temperature, the fry become weak and unable to cope with rugged sea conditions. This is possibly the reason commercial catches fluctuate so drastically from year to year.

In order for the cod to maintain that large body, it must have an enormous appetite. And it certainly does. Forage consists of rock crabs, sea clams, large sea worms (seldom seen by us fishermen in their natural state), lobsters, small fish, including other smaller cod, sand eels, squid, and our whiskered friend is particularly fond of young herring. The latter is a good tip for sport fishermen, for the old-time dory fisherman baited his trawl line (set-line) with this choice bait. Plus—**anything** that will fit into its cavernous mouth.

As far as "Old Whiskers" is concerned, all contributions are cheerfully accepted. Bits and pieces of metal, wood, rope, rubber, shreds of clothing, bits of discarded oilskins (perhaps these were truly the remains of some long, lost soul), small toys, jewelry, empty tobacco tins (the flat kind, let's hope), broken light bulb bases and last but not least, a set of false teeth (?)—these have all been found at one time or another in the stomachs of codfish. Sinker bouncers who have been codfishing for any length of time can easily add to this list.

Many years ago, I caught a cod that had ingested a large rubber heel from a man's work boot, and another that had the setting of a lady's engagement ring—minus the stone—neatly tucked away amidst the usual digested bits of this and that. (A similar occurrence happened one time while cleaning a ling for a passenger aboard the old Rose R II out of Canarsie. This one had the stone in it. I gave it to the passenger who later hocked it for 50 bucks and he gave me ten of it—which was indeed a windfall during the Depression Days.) Many beautiful sea shells would be unknown if it weren't for the cod's fondness for exotic fare. Years ago it was quite common to see collectors of sea shells at commercial fishing ports.

Now, with all this, is it any wonder generations upon generations have been intrigued by cod?

"Old Whiskers" will soon be on the scene in fair to good numbers. When he does poke his bearded snout into local waters, all interested anglers should take at least one crack at him. There's no fishing quite like it—honest!

Incidentally, next week I'll have an article on what I believe are the best ways to catch cod—the way I've been doing it all these long years. You will need to tie some knots such as the Improved Clinch Knot. If you are not sure how to do this, fret no more.

Send me a **stamped, self-addressed** #10 business size envelope (4¼x9¼) to my home at 39 King Street, Hampton Bay, NY 11946. I'll send you a free copy of DuPont's knot tying booklet. These are extremely popular and I've sent off thousands over the past several years. I have a fresh supply on hand. Meaning there's one for you! One last note: Don't send your request to the office; it will only cause delay and unnecessary expense. Get going!

WHAT IS A SURF FISHERMAN?

by John Fritz

The searching beam of the lighthouse glanced off the two figures perched precariously on the wave-washed boulder, locally referred to as Weakfish Rock. The ocean's swells, intent on destroying themselves against the rocky shore, would occasionally wash one or both fishermen into the swirling waters below. Subsequent passes of the lighthouse beam would again reveal these wet-suited anglers busily engaged in the task of catching fish.

At the same time this scene is taking place along the shores of Montauk Point, a lone angler, standing at the water's edge of a quiet north shore cove 100 miles west, is intently retrieving a small swimming plug towards the beach. Another flick of the wrist sends the lightweight lure seaward once more, but as it begins its journey to shore there is a sudden commotion and the slim, plastic object disappears from view.

Aside from the obvious fact that all of these people are fishermen, the one element which binds them together is that they are pursuing their sport while their feet are in contact with the ground, even if in some instances this is tenuous at best. Are both of these parties surf fishermen? The answer to that question can be examined from several different perspectives.

Many club and contest rules simply state that the angler, in order for his entry to qualify as a surf caught fish, must be standing on a permanent object, such as a jetty, pier, bulkhead and naturally the ground. In reality, it matters little where the line is drawn between the occasional sinker bouncer and a hard core beach rat; a love of the sport is the sole criterion. It would be stretching the point, though, to include the youngster bobbing his shiner from the Babylon Town Dock for snappers. Those who do pursue their sport actively will use almost any means to catch what is generally considered the three game fish of the northeast surf: striped bass, bluefish and weakfish. Even the use of a boat is sometimes adopted when access to a desired location is particularly difficult.

The unknowing might comment that surf fishing is a poor man's approach to saltwater fishing. While this may be true in a few instances, the cost of many beach buggies often outweighs the cost of many boats. Even though the approach, the equipment, and the technique may vary greatly, the common ingredient remains the desire to catch fish from the shore. Surf fishing is probably the least productive method of fishing, but the thrill of combatting a hefty bass in its own environment is one which a true surfman would not trade for a dozen similar fish taken from a boat.

Surf fishermen are a varied lot, many tend to be loners plying the water's edge under the cover of darkness. The first light of dawn signals

A casual approach is favored by some shore fishermen.

their departure for a hearty breakfast and a well deserved rest. All that remains, as a sign of their passage, are footprints in the sand, partially obliterated by drag marks if the night has been successful.

On the opposite extreme, when concentrations of fish draw throngs of eager casters, the laughter and good natured ribbing is in sharp contrast to the taciturn loner one might encounter on a quiet night. At such times fellow anglers are most obliging, lending needed items, assisting anglers struggling with fish or offering advice to the less fortunate. When the fish are cooperative everyone involved is filled with the more desirable attributes of the human race. This is not to say that when the fish are showing their disdain for any lure thrown in their direction, that surfcasters are infused with less admirable qualities, but their tendency to communicate freely with strangers is somewhat tempered. Fish being secreted from the prying eyes of fellow anglers is commonplace, as is the avoidance of the use of a light at night to hide one's activities. The removal of the dog on a reel's spool eliminates the telltale whine of a drag which is slipping under the forceful run of a strong fish. A certain measure of secrecy is inherent in anyone who pounds the beach night after night in search of a few paltry fish. The knowledge gained from such arduous endeavors, no matter how enjoyable the pursuit, is not likely to be freely offered to someone whose interest in the sport is only transitory.

The determination with which one pursues the sport of surf fishing is contingent on several factors. Some who sell their catch approach it much like a second job. On the other hand, those who fish for competition may pursue fishing with similar intensity, but there seems to be a better feeling of comradeship with others engaged in the contest. In all probability the majority of anglers working the waterfront practice the sport of surfcasting solely for their personal satisfaction, whether it be to land a trophy fish, enjoyment of the outdoors or to indulge a yearning for fresh fish.

Anglers on a one-to-one basis with other fishermen and the environment are more likely to respect the efforts of others as well as the need to preserve a fragile ecosystem. For the most part, unwanted debris is carted off the beach, buggy operators are careful to avoid destroying precious vegetation or nesting sites, and in general, act as stabilizing influences in an area totally at the mercy of the rowdy.

Even so, the majority must frequently suffer for the destructive acts of a few, be they fellow anglers or joyriders urged on by the advertisements glorifying unrestricted off-road usage. The era when mobile sport fishermen had unlimited use of the open beaches had ended, today's beach buggies are faced with an ever-increasing set of restrictions which has radically altered a unique method of surf fishing. The period when the radio waves crackled with the excited call to fellow anglers miles down the beach that a pod of fish was discovered is a rare event nowadays. Except for the eastern tip of the South Fork, if a school of fish is found today, a loud yell would alert everyone within the limits of access. An unusual breed of men, many with a quaint set of names rarely used beyond fishing circles, is slowly fading. This to be replaced by newcomers, at a time when the fruits of all our efforts has been reduced significantly. Thousand pound nights may be gone forever, in a way such greed may have contributed to the present downfall. Hopefully the recent awareness of our natural resources will enlighten enough important people to preserve what is left.

At the other extreme are hard core surf rats who ply their trade clad in wet suits.

Surnames are often overlooked among the surf fishing fraternity; a person's occupation is more easily remembered. A practice which has led to a rather extensive list of local surf fishermen. Led by the legendary Professor, there also is Jerry the Butcher, Joe the Roofer, Pete the Fireman, Jack the Painter and Tony the Baker. Nationality was another convenient way of identifying a fellow surfcaster: the Russian, the Greek, the Chinaman and the Englishman were but a few. Characteristics unique with a particular angler resulted in such labels as Clam Belly Tony, Lighthouse Charlie, John the Baptist, the Fiddler, the Smith Brothers, Three Wheeler, Richie No-Motor, or Paper Plates.

CB handles, relative to the sport of surf fishing, are numerous and are frequently carried over into everyday conversation among fishermen. Sandy Shoes, the Sandman, Sandpiper, Sandbar, Suds, Salty and Salty Trix is a brief list of some veteran surfmen here on Long Island.

In the scheme of things our total numbers are small. Like other groups we argue amongst ourselves and tend to sit back and let the other guy further our cause. The pressures against us are building. Fortunately, we have a few politicians and local officials who respect our desire for beach access. The right to remain on the beach is one which must be fought for at town meetings, through letters to our elected officials, and in our everyday conduct on the waterfront. If too many surfmen lull themselves into thinking, "It can't happen here," that sign saying "Beach Closed," might be extremely difficult to remove.

The very nature of surf fishing has changed, for the most part it is not a change for the better. Fish caught may be contaminated and one is unsure if they are fit for consumption. An increasing number of surf casters now compete for a lesser amount of fish. A growing legion of anglers are vying for a dwindling area of beachfront. The days of yesteryear may never return but there is still much to enjoy along today's waterfront. I'm thankful to have been a part of what once was and grateful to be able to still pursue a grand sport with a better than fair chance of success.

BASSIN' TACKLE — REVIEW —

Part Two — *by Gary Caputi*

This week, let's finish with the major tackle companies and their new goodies for bass fishing. There are still quite a few new rods and reels for 1986; so again, let's just jump right in and see what's in store for you for next year. Coming soon to a tackle shop near you, as they say in the movies.

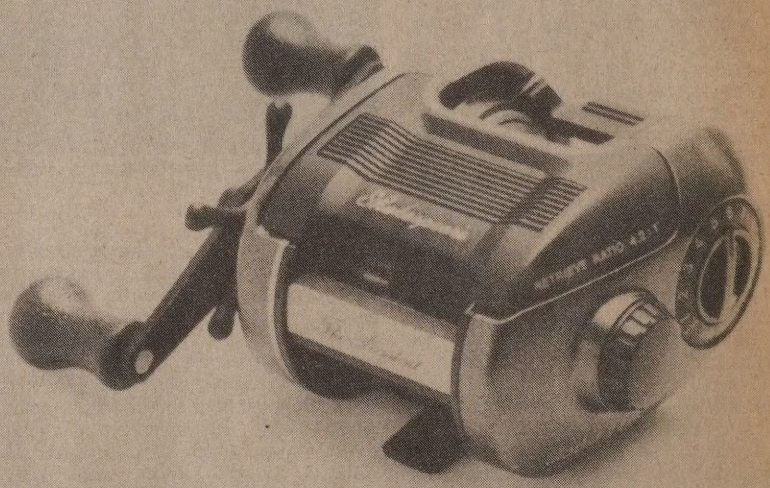
Mitchell, USA: As mentioned last week, Mitchell reels are no longer imported and distributed by Browning, but instead they have a subsidiary based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that will handle those chores for them. With this change, Bob Bonitz, the new president of Mitchell, USA told us that several goals will be attained. These goals include providing the American fisherman with quality fishing products along with reliable and prompt repair and parts service without changing the whole line around every year or two for the sake of cosmetics. "In that manner, we don't obsolete our reels every couple of years and make getting parts and service a nightmare for our dealers, service stations and ultimately, our customers," Bonitz said.

The product line for bass fishermen is led by the Mitchell Turbo Mag baitcasting reel. This is Mitchell's first baitcaster after decades of building some of the most popular spinning reels on the market. It is different from most magnetic spool control reels, as it utilizes a small turbine in the side plate that works in conjunction with the magnetic control. The concept is simple. Most magnetic controls find the magnets applying force to the spool all the way through the cast, which can cut down on casting distance. This reel's turbine lets the magnets do their job, but only when they are needed, at the beginning of the cast when the spool is accelerating and at the end, when it is slowing down. This is accomplished by the turbine, which pushes the magnets away from the spool once the spool has gained speed and then returns it to the spool when it begins to decelerate. Neat idea! The Turbo Mag is available in two sizes: the 6610Z, which holds 115 yds. of 10 lb. test and the 6630Z, good for 150 yds. of 10 lb.

Mitchell also announced another first for their company: a complete lineup of high quality rods to complement their baitcasting and spinning reels. These rods include the MBG series of high graphite content rods available in 7 freshwater spinning and casting models. The B series is a boron-graphite composite rod line which has 6 freshwater models in baitcasting and spinning which will interest the bass set. The last is the HG series, which is a full line graphite series offering 10 models for bass fishermen. All three series feature blank-through-handle construction and the best hardware, including Fuji guides.

RSC Corporation/Reliance Rods: Reliance has been building a wide variety of fresh and salt water rods for several years now, offering rods in just about every price range, to meet anyone's fishing needs and budget. They continue to recognize the bass fishermen in several of their lines with quality products at affordable prices.

Their new line for 1986 is the Strata



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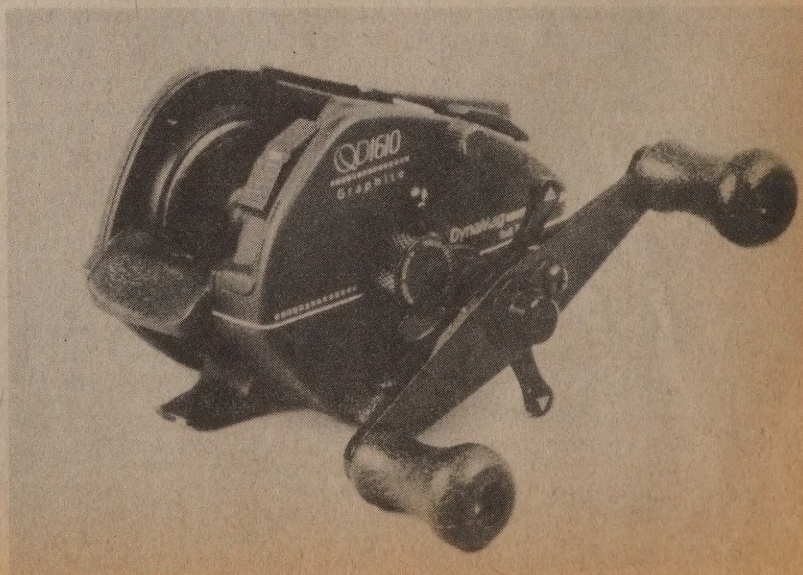


Zebco QD 1610 Baitcaster.

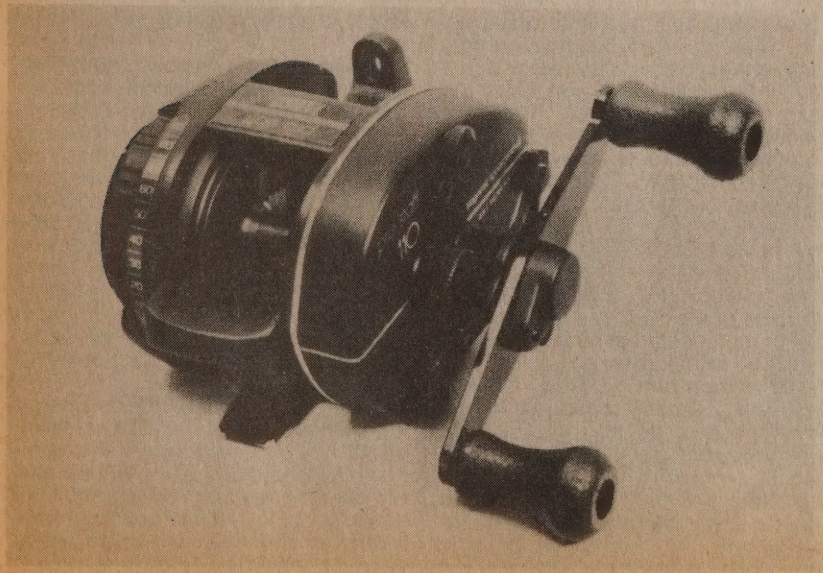
graphite series, which is made of radially wrapped graphite to eliminate soft spots and create higher strength and lighter weight rods. This line has three 5' 6' casting rods and two bass action spinning rods measuring 5' 3" for light jigging purposes and a 5' 8" model for heavier fishing situations like high speed crankbait use and fishing worms with spinning tackle.

The Lucky Stik Pro series has three new additions for the bass fishermen. They are the LP-229, a 5' 2" baitcaster in medium action; the LP-230, 5' 6" model in medium/heavy baitcaster and also the new 5' 8" bass action spinning rod in medium/heavy action.

Ryobi Fishing Tackle Co.: Ryobi, once recognized for helping bring the high cost of fishing tackle into the range of more anglers, is now the supplier of some of the finest quality tackle available. For this year, they introduced a new, top-of-the-line baitcasting reel, aptly called "The One!" It has the ability to be fished right-handed or left-handed by simply changing over the handle assembly from one side of the reel to the other, just like most of the spinning reels on the market nowadays. In addition, it has a new "No Star Drag" drag system. This unique drag system is set and adjusted by pushing a button on the reel side plate and then turning the reel handle to change drag settings. Different, to say the least. The reel features all graphite construction from reel foot up, with the exception of gears and pawls. It has a "Touch n' Trip" thumbar spool release, which doubles as a Flipping control when fishing the reel in that mode. The drag system incorporates a new material called "R-Tec," which they claim is far superior to old drag materials and the reels are also run on stainless steel ball bearings.

Also new are the Ryobi Demon Drag spinning reels. These reels return to the front mounted drag system, built into the spool, but in a unique way. The Demon Drag system utilizes the entire width of the spool to mount an impressive oversized drag system that uses a single, huge drag washer of special Teflon impregnated glass fibers. This is sandwiched between titanium metal washers which dissipate heat fast and keep the drag operation smooth under all conditions. These reels have silent anti-reverse, right/left hand retrieve, all graphite construction, and are available in five sizes to meet all your fishing needs.

Whizk'n Hooks and Jigheads.



Zebco Pro Staff PS 110 Baitcaster.

Ryobi has improved and expanded its rod line with the "RA" series getting most of the attention. This is an all 100 percent graphite rod with species cork handles. The model RA 225 is a one-piece bass action spinning rod in medium/heavy action. The RA 321 is a 5' 6" baitcaster in a heavy worm rod action and there is a super 7' 6" flipping rod, model RA 275 and a 7 foot two-handed casting rod for extra heavy worm fishing and for using with crank baits to get that extra deep performance that a long rod, held under the water, will give on fast retrieve.

Shakespeare Fishing Tackle Group: Shakespeare has completely redesigned and rebuilt its baitcasting reel line for 1986. The "President" models are convertible right or left hand retrieve baitcasters, which work by unscrewing the handle and star drag from one side and screwing it into the opposite side plate. Comes in handy when using the same reel for multiple bass fishing chores. For example, I like to fish a standard right-handed reel for most bass fishing situations, but when I am flipping, I prefer a left-handed reel, so I can set the hook and reel without having to change the rod from my right and to my left hand. This reel can make the transition. It also features a flipping mode, mechanical and magnetic brakes systems, more comfortable graphite side plates for palming the reel. Stainless ball bearings and a V-spool round out the package.

Next model down the line is the Mag Boss, which is a baitcaster featuring most of the President's goodies, without the right/left hand ability. It is available in two sizes and there is a non-magnetic spool model available called the "Boss."

Topping off the Shakespeare spinning reels for this year is the new "Can't Twist" spin and spincast reels. They are claimed to totally elirninate twist (the spinning reel's biggest downfall) by using a dual drag system. One drag operates the spool in the conventional manner, but the second drag works on the rotor of the reel, so when the fish is taking line, the rotor revolves backwards, feeding the line off in the same manner it is wound on. This drag is aptly called the "Line Saver" drag. These reels also have high speed retrieve ratios, ball bearings, silent anti-reverse and pop-off spools. The new Whisker Titan Spinning reel series boasts

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titanium frames and spools for the ultimate in strength and they are available with "SkilCast" one-handed bail trip system, 3 position anti-reverse, multi disc rear drag and a ceramic lip on the spool for smooth line flow during casts.

Shakespeare enters the fat butt rod arena with their new "Gutts Butt" series available to the bass angler in spinning or baitcasting models. These are constructed with a blank within a blank method that is claimed to offer greater strength and increased sensitivity and makes lighter actions attainable. They are offered in 10 models: four baitcasters, four spinning and two straight butt popping style rods. Also new in rods is the new Ugly Stik Lite series. This addition to the Ugly Stik family, probably the best known, best selling single series of fishing rods ever made, features the same double built construction as the standard models, but with a 46 percent savings in weight. All the strength of the originals with a lot less rod to heft around. This brings the total number of Ugly Stik models up to 46, with one for just about any type of fishing.

Shimano American Corp.: This innovative and forward thinking tackle company has been responsible for many new trends in tackle design over the past few years. It has offered some of the great advances in tackle that one year down the road become industry standards. Quite an accomplishment from a company that has a relatively short background in fishing tackle, but a long background in building quality sports products. Products like the Bantam baitcasting reels and their Fighting Rods have become mainstays of the bass fishermen almost overnight after their introduction. They are well known for products that address specific needs, like their Brush Buster single purpose Flipping Reel.

For 1986, Shimano again has loads of new tackle to boggle the angler's mind. Their extremely successful Fighting Rod series began the interest in the new "fat butt" style of rod construction that is becoming commonplace among tackle manufacturers. Now Shimano has introduced an XL series Fighting Rod in addition to the GT series they brought out last year. The XL is lighter than last year's, which are also still available. The series includes baitcasters with new, softer, more comfortable grips, a great new spinning model perfect for throwing light jigs, a technique that has become very popular (Model 2532, 5' 3" jig action rod) and a new heavy action 6' 6" straight butt model ideal for use as a brush rod or for those who want a shorter flipping rod, like me. This series is distinguished from the GT series by gold frame Fuji guides. There is also a new, more popularly priced Fighting Rod series called the SF series, for fishermen on a budget. Between the three series of Fighting Rods, there are over 42 models to choose from.

In reels, the Bantam Magnumlite series is now available with or without the Fighting Drag, locking drag feature, introduced last year. The BGT models have the Fighting Drag and the BGX does not. Both series are available in right or left handed models.

The Shimano spinning reel selection is extensive and boasts some interesting inovations. The Quickfire one handed bail mechanism has been redesigned for smoother operation and ease of use. The top-of-the-line spinning models also include Shimano's "unbreakable bail spring assembly," aptly called the *No Fail Bail*. They also include the Fighting Drag, programmable, adjustable rear drag system.

But the real reel news from Shimano are the new Baitrunner Spinning reels, designed for those among us who chase big bass with live baits like shiners, herring or the like. These reels have a drag system that can be disengaged while running a live bait with just the flick of a lever located behind the reel foot, without having to open the bail and hand feed line. This feature allows you to adjust the tension of the Baitrunner feature so it can be used with small or large live baits. When the bait is picked up by a hungry bass, all you need do is turn the reel handle and it automatically re-engages the reel to set the hook and play the fish. This is a super idea for many different types of live bait fishing applications. The bass size model of this reel is the TFW 350.

Silstar Corporation of America: This year, Silstar continues its tackle line with some new, quality rods to match their wide range of spinning reels in just about any and all price ranges. Their top rod lines will feature the "Vibra-Touch" baitcasting handle, which is graphite in construction and bares the through-handle blank under the reel seat so that the angler's fingers rest on the blank, for super sensitivity and feel. Their new 1600 series rods feature 100 percent bi-directional woven graphite construction. They have the finest in components and guides and the Vibra-Touch handle to make them just what the bass fishermen ordered. They are available in 5 baitcasting models and 6 spinning, to meet just about any bass fishing need. There is also a 1500 Westminster series that is made of boron, graphite composite blanks and have models to meet all your needs. The 1450 series has a new Flipping stick, the 76SF, with black stamped guides with ceramic inserts. Silstar matches these fine rods up to a host of spinning reels.

Zebco/Quantum Fishing Tackle: Last year, Zebco introduced a totally new line of high quality rods and reels which they christened their Quantum line. It debuted with the high tech Quantum spinning and baitcasting reels and several boron and graphite rod series. The new products were very well received nationwide and especially in the northeast, where Zebco once suffered from a dreaded case of spincast-itis, a disorder associated with too strong a product recognition with their inexpensive spincast reels. With the coming of age of Quantum, Zebco is once again a real factor in this area of the country and they are doing it with quality products. For this year, Zebco has expanded its Quantum line and they continue to change people's opinion of just what Zebco is all about.

The Quantum Baitcasting reel line has several new additions, but the ones that will interest the bass fishermen are the new 1610, which is a full feature bass reel with both casting and flipping modes, a thumbar spool release, selective anti-reverse, 280 degree magnetic cast control, 5.1:1 retrieve ratio and is constructed, like all the Quantums, of graphite components for a light weight of only 7 ounces. Also new to the baitcasters is an ultra light model, the QD 1510, made for light line and light lure applications. It is small and mates well with light action rods. There are also two wide spool models, the QD 1420 and 420, which are the same as the standard size Quantums but have added line capacity.

The new QMD 40 is the larger freshwater spinning reel which will join the other spinning models. It has the same huge drag system that the other spinning models in this line boast and it holds 230 yds. of 8 lb. test.

The Quantum rod line has been expanded to include 7 new baitcasters from medium action pistol grip models to a new 7 foot flipping rod. The 5' 9", 6' 6" and 7' 6" rods all have cork straight butts with trigger reel seats for two handed fishing. All feature through-butt blanks and sport Fuji Hardloy guides. There are also 7 spinning models in this series.

Also new is Zebco's first ProStaff model baitcasting reel, which features small size, magnetic cast control, thumbar spool release and graphite construction. Dubbed the PS110, the reel holds 180 yds. of 12 lb. test.

Miscellaneous: The bass fishermen will find some other goodies to look over at the store this year. DuPont's Stren line division will be offering Prime Cofilament fishing line. This new line differs from conventional monofilaments because it is made of an inner core of polyester coated with an outer layer of nylon. This line claims to cut line stretch by more than 50 percent. Line stretch is one of the detractors of monofilament lines, because it makes sensitivity duller and takes away hook setting power at the strike.

Another innovation that is changing the look of bass lures was developed by Lakes Illustrated, the company that brought the pH Monitor and pH Guide to the bass fishermen. This new electronic unit has a probe that is lowered to the desired fishing depth, once that has been determined, and it measures light penetration and inten-

sity and determines the color of lure that will be most visible to the fish's eye. It was developed by Dr. Loran Hill, a PhD in biology and an avid bass fisherman, who has been studying bass and what makes them tick for many years. The results of this remarkable unit could be seen at the AFTMA Show just by looking at the lure companies displays. Just about every major plug manufacturer—Rebel, Cordell, Whopper Stopper, Bomber, Storm and others—had new colors in their line to match up with the Color C-Lector's color recommendations. There were even tackle boxes from Woodstream that had color coded compartments to match the C-Lector and a company marketing special paints to repaint your existing lures. Keep an eye open for this, for preliminary tests by several of my personal bass fishing friends who don't take concepts like this on a "trust me" basis, have been very positive. Wait till you see some of the new colors. That will be a big surprise!

And then there are electronics. There are more goodies coming from these companies aimed at bass anglers. How about a LCD readout, trolling motor mounted, scanning sonar unit that will read in a 90 degree area in front of the boat to see if there are schools of fish you are not reading under the boat. That comes from Micronar, a new division of Si-Tex. And there is more, but let's save it for the upcoming Electronics Issue.

Also new are many additions to the growing "scent product" market. This type of fishing aid was probably first brought to the bass angler by Fish Formula, but the market has exploded with entries like Strike from Berkley, which was already mentioned; Johnson Fishing Products, with their Bass Buster lure line, introduced the "Chummin' Minnow" last year and now you can purchase the Chummin' scent in a pop-up tube form. This product is wax based and can simply be rubbed onto any lure and will adhere and release the scent into the water slowly. Other wax based scent products are available through Snag-Proof Lure Company.

In the scent product arena, the most innovative products I have seen are not the scents themselves, but some new lures made to hold these scent products for better dispersion into the water. They are made by World Wide Outdoor Marketing and the line is called Whizkers, because the jigs, spinnerbaits and other lures all feature a flocked coating to hold whoever's scent product you apply, including Whiskers own line of natural scents. The concept is well thought out. While other companies are out there competing for a portion of the market in scents, Whizkers is making lures to utilize everyone's scent products. By the way, the quality of the lures, several of which I have had the opportunity to use, is excellent. They even make flocked bullet weights for worm fishing and a huge variety of jig heads.

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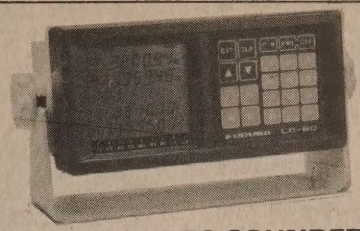

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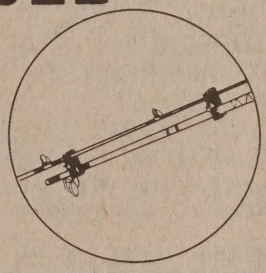

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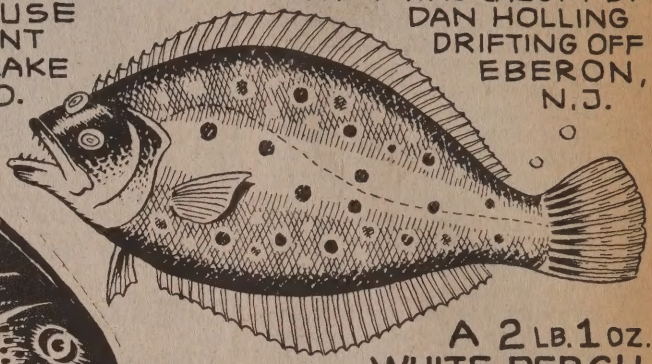

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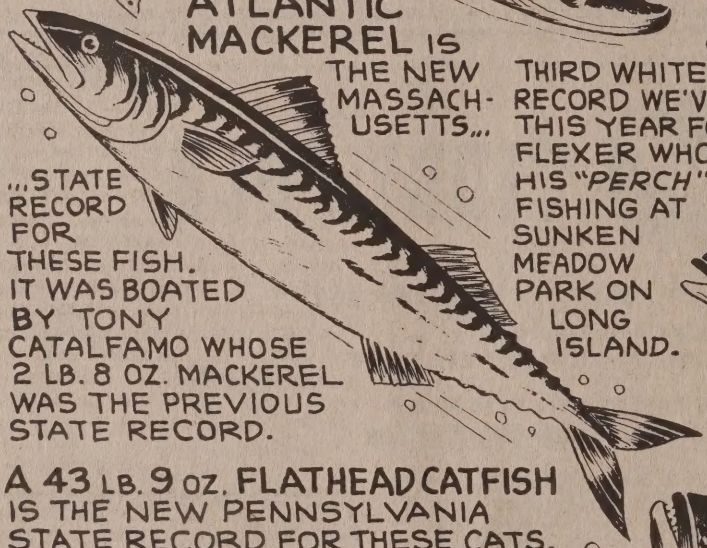

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Although the calendar says it's the end of November, and holidays are upon us, the fishing scene looks as though it's a month earlier. Bluefish won't quit. Blackfish are still caught on early spots and will probably not peak until Christmas. Reports of porgies are still coming in. Flounder are probably stirring in the Peconics and Shinnecock but inclement weather has kept anglers home. Laker Montauk was closed from late Saturday until early Monday morning due to the sinking of an oil barge off Fisher's Island Friday. Reports from captains fishing on Sunday and Monday indicate clean waters off Montauk and at Fisher's Island (blackfish country), no harm done apparently. Sea bass have made a remarkable appearance on Montauk wrecks. A few cod are in the area, competing with sea bass, porgies, bluefish and blackfish.

MONTAUK

Thirty five anglers took last week's trip to Georges Banks on the **Viking Starship**, and cashed in on the only two days of calm weather, with flat seas during the past week. Over 1,000 cod were caught, many under ten pounds, but the catch included many large cod over 45 pounds which made choosing the pool winners a long procedure. Because of bad weather conditions for weeks preceeding the trip, most of us made up our minds to go only a few hours before the trip. Average catch was 25-30 fish per angler. Incidental catches included two wolf fish, 12 and 30 pounds, a few bluefish, pollock and haddock.

Some of the anglers on the trip plus their catches were: John "Whitey" Girolamo, 32 cod, including one of 43 pounds. John Anthony with 23, including a pool contender. Marc "More Bigger fish" Goldblum with 49 cod. Bob Townsend, 25 cod, including a 35 pounder. John "the Codfather" Maslausky and his friend Auggie Matatis with 30, including three cows. David Ettinger, 25 cod, one 40 pounds. Tom Kutschera and dad, ted, with 50 cod, plus a wolf fish for the menue of the Villa Roma Hotel in Callecoon N.Y. Tom Zultowski and his cousin Joe Monti who had 50 cod together. Tom had the distinction of pulling up a double header that weighed almost 100 pounds both fish in the high 40 pound range! Tommy "Fishtails", 30 cod, one 45 pounds. Cousins Victor and Hostian Velez caught 50 fish. Richard Van Orden with Dennis and George Feise accounted for 75 fish, including a 30 and 40 pounder. Nick Rossetti had 31 cod, three over 35 pounds. Jose Acosta, J.R. Corceno, Bob Gonzalez caught about 70 including a 38 pounder, two 45 pounders, with Jose Acosta copping the pool ($700) with a 55 pound cow!

Captain Forsberg will mail out schedules for 1986 Georges Banks trips and special offshore trips early next year. The trips will probably start in March.

In local fishing, the **Starship** is having phenominal success with sea bass, plus a pick of very large porgies and a smattering of codfish. Saturday's catch of bushells of sea bass included a potential woman's world record: a 7¼ pound sea bass caught by Linda Rezac, when she had time off from cooking. The fish was caught on Berkley Line and will be worth $1,000 to Linda. Documentation was done at the **Montauk Marine Basin** after the trip. Saturday's pool was won by a 25 pound cod, one of ten caught. Because the harbor was closed on Sunday, due to the oil spill, no boats were able to sail.

The **Starship** has scheduled a special trip, the day after Thanksgiving to fish the Outer Banks and offshore wrecks. Sailing time is 5a.m., the fare $35. No reservations are necessary.

Only a few charter boats were able to sail during the weekend, those that left Saturday morning were forced to return early when the Coast Guard issued warnings that the Harbor would be closed because of the sinking of an oil barge. Booms were put across the harbor entrance to prevent oil intrusion into Lake Montauk.

Captain Bill Ricca, with Joe Radd and Ron Contino of N.Y.City sanitation, cleaned up on blackfish on the **Allyssa Ann** before calling the trip short early due to the harbor closing. Captain Bill first fished Cerebus where a few blackfish were caught, but found much better action at Southwest Ledge. At the change of tide the group had put three ten pound blackfish into the boat, plus a 12¼ pound fish when the Coast Guard bulletin called an end to the trip after a total of thirty blacks were caught. On Sunday, Joe Piccolo and his friends settled for a flounder trip in Lake Montauk because of the harbor closure. Over three dozen nice size flounder were kept, all over one pound, with three fish exactly two pounds on the marina scale. Secret to flounder success was lots of chum plus pounding. Captain Bill Ricca wishes his customers a happy, healthy holiday season. Charters for March cod are now being taken for the **Allyssa Ann**. Call Captain Bill for information.

A radio call from Captain Michael Potts Monday morning before we went to press revealed that the harbor was open, the water off Montauk clean and free of oil. Bass catches on the **Bluefin IV** during last week included 14 bass, the largest 41½ pounds on Monday with the Marxe group from N.Y.C. The large bass was caught by Jerry Cleary. Bass catches during the week included 60 on Tuesday, 32 on Wednesday, and 17 on Thursday with bluefish all three days. All fish were caught trolling umbrella rigs, with the exception of a few last Monday, casting. Captain Potts has a few charter dates available this weekend for bass and is also scheduling for cod fish. Call the **Bluefin IV** for details.

Henry Uihlein suggests flounder in Lake Montauk as a reliable standby all winter long. Rental skiffs will be available this weekend at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**. Henry wishes all his customers a happy holiday season and looks forward to a bang-up flounder season next spring.

Very little action from boats at **Gone Fishing Marina**, according to Tom Jordan, however, catches of bass, some to 40 pounds, were the talk of the marina. Rumor has it that the fish were caught at Shagwong, trolling very large plugs at night.

Edelman's Lou Rosado related a blackfish catch on Saturday on the **Marlin IV** apparently made by Frankie the mate. The largest blackfish on the boat was 14 pounds 4 ounces. Second largest was 13 pounds, fishing at Southwest Ledge.

Captain Phil and Dina Lewis and the crew of the **Adios** wishes to thank their customers and friends for a successful year. Captain Lewis is now taking reservations for 1986 charters. Call him at Montauk now, or at 305-683-5879 (Florida) after December 15th.

On a bottom fishing charter on Saturday, Captain John DeMaio reports plenty of action with blackfish, sea bass, and some porgies in local Montauk waters on the charter boat **Vivienne**. Since blues are super abundant, Captain DeMaio is continuing to book bluefish charters. Call for details.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach states that blackfishing right now is "beyond your wildest dreams, with weather the only factor involved." The blacks are in thick, with many of the fish reaching 10-12 pounds in weight. The best day of the week on the **Wilhelric II** last week was Monday and Wednesday, when anglers averaged 25-30 fish per man. Regular, Jackie Gleason and his friends caught 80 blacks, top weight 11½ pounds on an early week trip. Weather kept the boat at the dock on Saturday, but on Sunday, once sea conditions allowed a trip to Fisher's Island, average catch of 15 blacks per man was the norm in only two hours of fishing at the Island.

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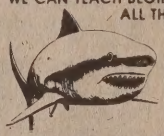

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David Roys copped the Sunday pool with a 9½ pound black.

Captain Lach elaborated that since he is still catching blackfish in traditionally "early" spots, it appears that the season has just started, and is yet to peak. The water is still warm. Loads of blues were caught by other boats this weekend fishing the Race. Since many references have been made to proper wind-weather conditions for blackfishing, I asked Captain Lach to elaborate. Captain Artie stated that the worst wind conditions for proper blackfishing (in his area) are strong west, southwest or southeast winds. Winds from the north, northwest, northeast and even east, so long as they are under 30 mph allow for proper anchoring and good blackfishing in the areas he fishes. A reminder: The **Wilhelric II** will continue to sail for blackfish on Saturdays and Sundays, probably until Christmas.

Dick Mendelman reported slow fishing from **Harbor Marina** in **Three Mile Harbor** because of bad weather, however a few flounder have been caught in the Harbor this week.

Rental skiffs will be available at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** for a couple of weeks, according to John Warden. Some flounder have been caught in local coves recently.

Larry Mangarillo rented two skiffs on Sunday. The anglers returned to **Corr's Mariners Cove** with 12-15 flounder. Local fisherman Eric Erca fished near the Ponquogue Bridge for a bucket of good sized flatties. Rental skiffs will be available until Christmas, according to Larry.

Thom Speckenback related that the winds kept most anglers home, while the closing of Montauk Harbor due to the oil spill turned Montauk bound anglers back. Reports have filtered in to **Speck's Bait and Tackle** of continued blackfish and bluefish action whenever anyone is able to get out.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The continued mild fall weather has kept flounder action from really getting off the ground up to this point. The story is the same in both Moriches and Great South Bays where the best action is still to come. Unfortunately, as was the case last year, the majority of anglers will have packed it in before the fishing opens up. Bay blackfish written off over two weeks ago continue to surprise boat men in Great South Bay. Cod have been slow to get started dur to the warmer water temperatures, but the blackfish and sea bass action remains good on ocean wrecks and reefs. The safest bet along this stretch of the coast is big bluefish. Ten to 15 lb. choppers are stacked up outside the inlets and along the beaches. Some bass, mostly schoolies and shorts are mixed in with the blues.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Captain Ron Schlueter of the Moriches based **Alma Fleet**, labeled the Moriches Bay flatfish scene as erratic. Anglers have been settling for a tough pick, but the quality of the fish being taken has provided some consolation. Virtually all of the fish are between 1 and 2 lbs. Catches this week ranged from 2 to 12 flatties per man with most fish being taken on sand worms.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reported a few flounder being picked from the Blue Point dock and from the sand spit at the mouth of the Patchogue River on worms. No news from boat men on flounder or blackfish, but Paul did know that there are still some crabs being taken by boatmen near the Sore Thumb and at buoy 27 in Moriches Bay.

Al Colban at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale reported some fair catches of flounder at Heckscher and near the old lighthouse. Offshore wrecks and the Fire Island Reef continue to produce good action with blackfish and sea bass when the weather cooperates. Still plenty of blues outside the inlet for jiggers and

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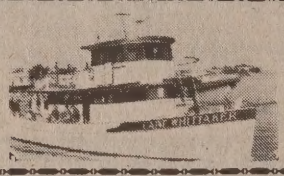

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trollers and several boat men reported still taking fair numbers of blue claw crabs in the Sore Thumb pocket.

Over at **Captree Bait Station** Bobby Sprenger reported that there was again some surprisingly good blackfish action in the bay this week. Captain Richie Abrams aboard the **Captain Whitaker** did a nice job on the fish on Sunday. Good blackfishing and sea bass action on the ocean reef and offshore wrecks. Flounder fishing for boat men has been erratic with fair action on some days. One of the biggest flatties of the fall was weighed in on Tuesday. It weighed 3 lbs. 4 oz. and was taken by Elliot Kristiansen aboard the **Capt. Rod**. On the docks of Captree and Robert Moses, flounder have been slow but there has been some improvement at the Jones Beach piers, according to Bobby. Worms work best for shore-bound anglers.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty III** reported some fairly decent cod action this past week. His tallies for the week included 24 on Thursday, 50 on Saturday and 40 more on Sunday. Most ranged between 15 and 18 lbs. with some 25 to 30 lb. class fish mixed in. Also mixed with the cod are some blackfish and sea bass, as well as big blues. All the fishing is currently being done on wrecks according to the

skipper.

Captain Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen** reported that Saturday was the better day of the weekend with nine fares accounting for over 40 cod averaging 10 to 18 lbs. The skipper added that a fair number of 20 lb. class fish were taken as well. Sunday's fishing was off due to rough seas and plenty of wind in the morning, but fares still managed a pick of cod. Gordon also noted that some big sea bass and blackfish are mixed with the cod on the wrecks.

Captain Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** snuck up into the mountains this weekend in pursuit of deer and returned with a very impressive 10 point, 175 lb. buck from Ulster County. Of the fishing, he reported some fair blackfish action on both Saturday and Sunday with Sunday's high hook taking 22 blacks up to 6 lbs. Captain Ken handled the wheel while Carl was off tramping in the woods. A reminder too that beginning this Friday (11-29) the Miss Captree will be sailing for cod 5AM, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Captain Einar "Doc" Grell called to report lots of school bass action on Wednesday and Friday of last week for his crew aboard the **Moby Dick**. Grell worked west of Fire Island Inlet to Tobay with umbrella rigs and bucktails on wire line and reported that while most of the fish were shorts, there were a fair number of keepers mixed in. Friday's catch also saw a huge 21 lb. bluefish put into the box.

Captain Bob Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a pretty decent weekend with flounder working the north side of the bay from Babylon to Massapequa. He reported similar results on Wednesday and Thursday of this past week. Average catches ranged from 10 to 15 flatties per man, with high hooks taking up to 30 flatties. Pat Grasso had Thursday's pool winner with a 2.10 lb. flattie. Worms, clams and mussels have all been effective in the bait department. Bob did not sail on Friday.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon, Capt. Fred Austin reported flounder fishing has been picky in general, although Doc Severdal, aboard the Gotcha did put 21 flatties in his bucket while workinjg opposite Good Samaritan Hospital. Average catch however has been 8 to 10 flatties per boat. Lots of big blues and fair numbers of bass being trolled along the outside beaches on wire and umbrellas. Sunday afternoon produced good action with a few stripers in the 30 lb. class mixed in with the blues and school bass. Plenty of blues are on the ocean wrecks while codfish have been slow to get started.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported that interest is waning fast with many boat men already hauled out for the season or pre-occupied with deer and duck hunting. Flounder catches have been lean in numbers but the fish have been high quality in the size department. Best action seems to be to the west near the Amity Cut and the Measured Mile in the State Channel.

Speaking from **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague, Chester Shew reported still some life in the bay blackfish action. Glen Rankin had several 3 lb. class tog on the south end of the Moses Bridge on Wednesday. He used green crabs. Some decent flounder scores reported from the north side of Zachs Bay and one customer stopped to show 17 flatties taken at the Amity Cut on Sunday. Codfish fans have been contending with lots of dogfish and very few cod on the offshore wrecks.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's** in Farmingdale spoke of plenty of blues outside inlets and along the beaches for jiggers and trollers. Most range between 10 and 15 lbs. Flounder fishing has been generally picky, though Frank did have a few decent catches reported made in the state channel just west of Frank and Dick's Bait station. Of more concern to Frank was the success of Frank Jr. during a weekend deer hunt in upstate Windham. Young Frank made his first buck ever, an impressive seven pointer.

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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Fair to good catches of cod into the 30 lb. range continue to be caught by the area's cod boats, working over the deep water wrecks. Flounder action this past week has been spotty to fair at best with the full moon no doubt taking its toll.

Blackfishing is on the wane, but slugger bluefish continue to make their prescence known along the beaches for trollers and diamond jiggers and around the wrecks, competing with cod, blacks and sea bass for the clam baits.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

A call from **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh tells of a slight upswing in the flounder action on the south side of Squaw Island with fish much bigger now, running 3/4 to 2 lbs. Saturday's afternoon fishing was best with a flooding tide and catches of anywhere from 10 to 70 fish per private boat. Anglers also had small ling mixed in. Mike said the Merrick Point flats also produced some flatties this week on bloods and red dyed clam. No customers had anything to report about inshore blackfish.

We hear from Gary at **Garan's Bait and Tackle** in Merrick that the local flounder action has ranged from fair to good for his customers fishing very locally with blood worms working best in Merrick Bay. Bluefish are being trolled in 40 feet of water and also being jigged in the same depths, with fish mixed sizes. A 33 lb. 8 oz. striper was caught by Sarkis Minasian on a Trifin spoon on 12 lb. test line on Tuesday, working off the west end surf line.

Out of Freeport, the **Starstream II** is now fishing for cod exclusively. The boat will be sailing Thursday Thanks-

giving Day but returning early to the dock by 3PM, said skipper Richie Kessinger. On the days that he sailed this week, small crowds hoisted up anywhere from 15 to 30 nice cod a day, all in the 12 to 30 lb. class. They also had a by-catch of big sea bass, big blacks and jumbo blues. Richie said the codfishing should take hold and produce a lot more fish as the water temperature cools down. Dogfish were not too bad, he said.

Aboard the **Capt. Lou Fleet** this week, the flounder action picked up a little with skipper Mike Dannon predicting better catches as the water cools. Seymour Nadler had 25 flounder one day this week. In the boat's flounder derby, leader so far is John DeRosa with a 3 lb. 5 oz. flattie. Seconc place so far is Bob Sanks, with a 2 lb. 1 oz. flounder with third place being brought up by Bill Butler with a 1 lb. 12 oz. flattie. First prize is now $845 and growing. Mike says he hopes you will attend the boat party (see ad for details).

A message left by the **Super Spray II** is that fares are getting fair catches of cod every trip on the offshore wrecks, fish mixed sizes into the high 20s.

Over in Point Lookout, we take note that Capt. Dennis Kunyak of the charter boat **Marie III** has just brought in a newer and bigger Marie III to better serve the public in '86. Good luck with the new boat.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** this week, very good catches of flatties were had Tuesday with high hooks into the 20s on both trips. However, things tapered off and by the weekend catching was tough once again. Saturday PM saw a 1¾ lb. pool winner for Earl French. Sunday's PM trip had John Zaretta with a pool winning 1½ lber. The boat will be sailing Thursday's AM trip only. Sunday, December 1st, will be the boat's last trip of the season.

We hear from Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** that the codfishing has been good all week with high hooks in the 6s and 7s every trip. On Wednesday Al Foley of Levittown bagged a 26 lb. cod. Saturday saw Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury with a pool grabbing 35 lber. while on Sunday John Ahern of Rockville Centre was happy with his 30 lber. Al said though it wasn't a slaughter this past week, most of the fish are big. Doggies have been represented in fairly good numbers he said, but nonetheless the codding shaped up well this week and Al says he sees an improvement everyday.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook comes word of a catch Tuesday for one customer of 700 lbs. of blues jigged up in 40 feet of water due south of the Silver Point jetty. These are all 10 to 15 lbers. They were jigged on top and taken on chunks on the bottom as well. Bunker have been in solid at the cement block in Reynolds. Blackfishing is becoming a dead issue but the flounder action increased slightly this week.

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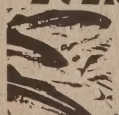

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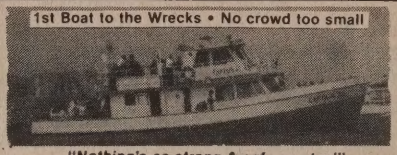

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NEW YORK BIGHT

To the west in Sheepshead Bay Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** tells of excellent blackfishing this weekend at 17 Fathoms with a lot of big fish mixed in to 11½ lbs., all on green crab. BLuefishing has been dynamite at Cholera and 17, all big fish. Flounder action has been fair to good, mostly at Mother's Lap, in western Jamaica Bay.

The word from Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** is of very good catches of all big blues whenever they sailed. Hot area was 17 fathoms. Fish are also being jigged along the Jersey beaches said Al.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

With water temperatures dropping to around 52 degrees on the Sound last week, the big party boats enjoyed some of the best days of the fall season on tautog. Large bluefish were still abundant in some areas, and a lot of keeper bass were registered as well. Weather tended to be uncooperative on most days, but those with the whole week off certainly had their innings!

WESTERN SOUND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** saw a lot of flounder coming from private boats fishing Eastchester Bay. Tautog have moved into deeper water now. The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** will have worms for awhile but is out of crabs for the season.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** found fishing good all week with a decent catch of fish on Sunday, despite a fresh westerly "breeze". Fishing for tautog is in 50-60 feet of water with most of Sunday's fish in the 2½-5 pound class. A couple of bla blackfish over ten pounds took the daily pools. Last day of sailing will be next Sunday.

The City Island party boats will be going through December 8th, according to Dom Cerbone of the **Apache**. Cerbone said that cooling waters triggered some amazing bites with several anglers like Robert Berowi and Joe Rodrieguez pulling more than thirty blackfish per trip. You dropped to the bottom for 10-12 seconds and if you didn't have a fish on the lift you lost your bait. "What a year!" said Cerbone.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** felt that Saturday's blackfish action was very, very good with a lot of fish taken up to 8½ pounds. Diamond jigging off Buoys 13 and 15 for bass was very good, and most sports took their two fish limits rather quickly. Ratio of keepers to overall catch was roughly 1-8 around Eaton's, but it went to 1-2 in some places to the west. Bluefish to 14 pounds were still among the linesiders. Flounder action off local docks was escalating, and a couple of flatties weighing nearly a pound were taken around Mill Dam in Centerport.

Al Mott of the **Ever Ready** called to say that crowds are light and that the tautog action should hold through his final day next Sunday. The only limiting factor is weather. You had to get to 24C or 11B in deeper water. Saturday was super with catches up to 25 per rod, but Sunday was so rough that the boat had to return to port.

Flounder are in all harbors around Huntington and Marshall Field according to the Cedars at **Huntington Prop**. Most of these flatties will run ½ to ¾ pound. Bass are at Eaton's with tautog at 11B, but you had to get there on nice days!

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** told us that the problem is a lack of enthusiam right now. Everybody has started to winterize their gear, but the flounder are only starting.

Raplh Davenport at **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** said that the Middle Grounds was hard to beat during the week. There were catches of up to fourty tautog per boat along with loads of bass and blues. Shorts dominated keepers by 10-1, but there were small blues and a few big fish to ten pounds for diamond merchants. Ralph himself plans his traditional Thanksgiving morning trip to those rips with several other boats.

The **Greenlawn Sport Shop** was still seeing a lot of short bass. Mel Fleischmann told us that he's got a supply of crabs and worms lined up into mid-December, too.

East End reporter, Lorry Mangan joined a group of die-hard blackfishermen for a trip on the "Port Jeff Ace" Sunday morning. The trip, cut short by bad winds and rotten seas accounted for over 500 blackfish taken by 20 anglers in a three hour frenzy. Pool was won by Nick Marchesani (8½ pounds) who was fishing with a group from the North Shore Anglers, a Port Jeff fishing club. Highlights of this trip will be featured on Lorry's TV show on December 6th (Brookhaven Cable TV 6p.m.).

NORTH FORK

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** told us that the station has pulled its rental boats but that private craft are beginning to pull flounder from Dering Harbor, Pipes Cove, and

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:55	8:20	8:50	9:05	8:35	9:00	9:25	10:00	11:20	—	11:25	11:55	7:55	7:15	11/28
FRI.	8:30	9:00	9:25	9:45	9:05	9:40	10:00	10:40	12:00	11:50	—	12:00	8:35	9:00	11/29
SAT.	9:05	9:40	10:05	10:25	9:40	10:20	10:35	11:25	12:25	12:25	12:35	12:40	9:15	9:40	11/30
SUN.	9:45	10:25	10:45	11:10	10:15	11:10	11:15	—	1:00	1:05	1:15	1:20	10:00	10:25	12/1
MON.	10:30	11:15	11:30	—	11:05	—	12:15	12:05	1:40	1:50	1:55	2:05	10:45	11:20	12/2
TUES.	11:20	—	12:00	12:20	12:00	11:55	1:05	1:00	2:30	2:40	2:45	2:55	11:35	—	12/3
WED.	12:10	12:10	12:55	1:10	12:50	12:50	2:00	2:00	3:20	4:35	3:35	3:50	12:15	12:35	12/4
THURS.	1:05	1:10	1:55	2:10	1:40	1:45	2:55	3:05	4:15	4:35	4:30	4:50	1:10	1:35	12/5

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/28	7:05	4:33
FRI. 11/29	7:06	4:32
SAT. 11/30	7:07	4:31
SUN. 12/1	7:08	4:30
MON. 12/2	7:09	4:29
TUE. 12/3	7:10	4:28
WED. 12/4	7:11	4:27

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/28	5:06PM	8:09AM
FRI. 11/29	5:53PM	9:07AM
SAT. 11/30	6:49PM	10:00AM
SUN. 12/1	7:51PM	10:45AM
MON. 12/2	8:57PM	11:24AM
TUE. 12/3	10:05PM	11:56AM
WED. 12/4	11:14PM	12:24PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
11/12	11/19	11/27	12/5

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The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:55	11:05	5:15	11:30
Fri.	5:45	—	6:20	12:05
Sat.	6:40	12:30	7:15	1:00
Sun.	7:40	1:30	8:10	1:55
Mon.	8:35	2:25	9:05	2:50
Tues.	9:30	3:20	10:00	3:45
Wed.	10:20	4:10	10:50	4:35
Thurs.	11:10	5:00	11:40	5:25

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a few creeks. The shop is open except for Mondays and Tuesdays and still has some bait, including worms and all kinds of crabs. One catch of flatties was taken from 25 feet of water on hte Sound near the Point and there was some decent flatfish activity inside Gull Pond as well.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** said that there was plenty of bass action at the usual spots, although many linsiders were throwbacks. Lots of large tautog were still being weighed on the scales last week, 10's, 12's, and two enormous fish that went 14.1. White is closing his cases next Sunday.

Richie Jensen told us that the **Nancy Ann** had a banner day on bass and blues off Gardiner's last Saturday with seven keeper bass to 23 pounds plus some big bluefish to fifteen pounds. The Fisher's Island Race had acres of bass and blues on top and you couldn't get a trolled rig through the surfacing fish. Searching may be necessary, but the last week of the bass season could be among the best.

According to all reports from the **Nancy Ann II**, the **Peconic Star**, and the **Brand X**, the incredible tautog show continues to play to small audiences. Saturday was so good in the Fisher's area, that many will remember it for years to come, said Dave Brennan. There were also some incredible catches on Tuesday through Thursday when the winds did not blow. Even in the gales on Sunday, there was a good burst of afternoon action, and anglers wound up with 6-8 or more fish per person. This week should be a very good one as the boats have more of the flood tide to work with each day.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

The fall surf run continued in mid October form as casters paid little attention to the calendar. The late run of blues and bass along our beaches this week provided many casters with some of their best action of the season. While big blues certainly dominated the scene, plenty of stripers were taken in some areas as well. And while most were schoolies and shorts, an impressive run of cow bass resulted in a number of casters tossing tin being surprised by their fish of a lifetime. This was particularly true along the Moriches Shore including Smith Point and FINS.

Concerning that run of trophy stripers, Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue read off a list of impressive cows taken by lucky

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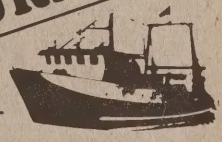

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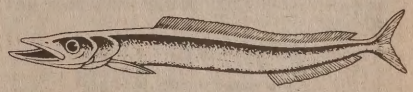

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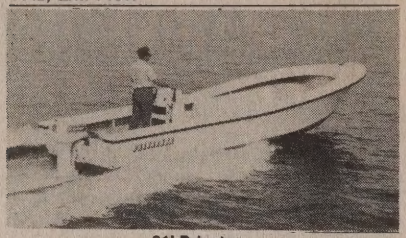

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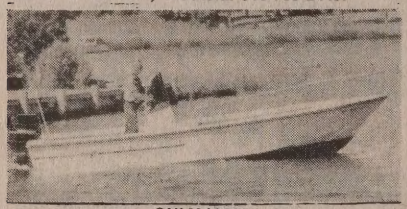

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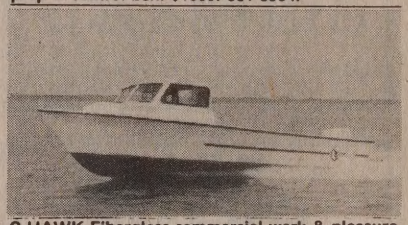

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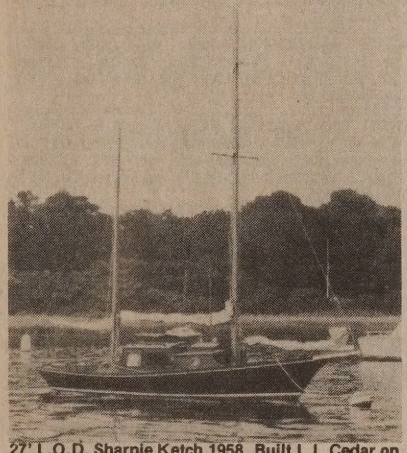

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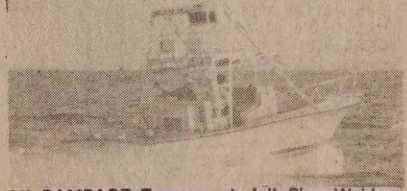

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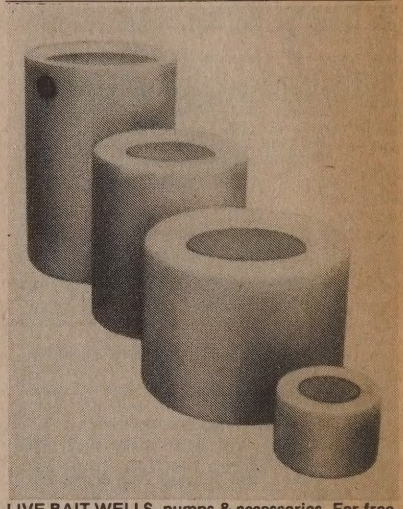

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anglers in recent days. Among them were Patchogue Fishing Club members Tom Kehlenbeck with a 44.8 lber. taken on Tuesday and a 47.9 lb. cow taken by Jimmy Delmonte on Sunday. A couple of Great South Bay Anglers Club members also racked up impressive stripers this week. Harold Keyes nailed a 40.9 lber. while Lou Pagnoni clicked with fish of 16 and 47.6 lbs. on Thursday. Lou's fish were taken near Great Gun while Harold's was taken at Long Cove at FINS. On Saturday, Rudy Pinka nailed a 43.9 lb. bass in front of the pavilion. Sunday night saw Gary Hall connect with a 46 lber. Pinka's fish was taken on a black needlefish while Gary's fell to a live eel. All of the other action has been on tin with the big fish culled from among the blues and school bass. On Wednesday Steve Reno, Jeff Lynch, Al Svodoba and Howie Norton used tin to take a mess of big blues near the inlet. Howie also managed to find a 38¾ lb. striper among the blues. Also on Wednesday Mark Malinowski trekked to Shinnecock where he beached a 35 lb. striper. Dean Stahman and Mike Demma decided to work the east side of Shinnecock on Sunday. They were rewarded with 30 big blues taken on tin. Paul concluded his report by adding that as we spoke, both Smith Point and FINS were again red hot with big blues. Rudy Pinka stopped by and told of taking fish virtually every cast before leaving them biting. He added that bent rods were visible as far as he could see in both directions. (Monday, 11-25.)

Over at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale, Al Colban reported a 13.1 lb. blue for Ed Carpenter from field 4 on the weekend. One customer last Wednesday reported taking 4 bass at field 4. Three were shorts and one was in the 12 lb. class. The big news, however, came from Ira Marder who had just returned from field 4 Monday AM. Al handed over the phone and Ira reported taking over 20 blues and 6 bass including one of 30 inches. He too spoke of "fish on every cast" with tin and tube combos accounting for the red hot action.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** Bobby Sprenger reported a blitz of big blues and small bass under way at Robt. Moses field 4 as we spoke. He checked in 11 blues up to 16.3 lbs. for Frank Yaccarino. Jim Volkswagen Olson accounted for 12 blues from 11 to 14½ lbs. as well as several short bass. During the week, Bob reported some good action early in the week. Gary Lockwood did weigh a 15 lb. chopper taken on Friday from a local beach.

Action was apparently spread well to the west as Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in Lynbrook reported the Atlantic beach surf alive with blues on Monday, 11-25. He also had reports of good action at West End 2 on Sunday morning on tins and tubes. School bass were mixed with the blues and taking tins, needlefish, and swimmers like the Rebela nd Bomber.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike Nicoletti reported action with small bass and big blues at West End 2 on both Saturday and Sunday. The hot number seems to be Ava 17 and 27 jigs fitted with tubes. Mike also knew that Saturday evening and Sunday morning saw the same jigs fitted with red tubes account for good action with small bass and big blues at Cedar Beach inside Fl Inlet.

At the other end of the island, Johnny Kronuch, reporting fromk **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk, said that despite very few casters working the Point, some impressive stripers were weighed in this past week. Bob Aaron led the list with a 54 lb. 10 oz. cow taken Wednesday night on False Bar. Joey Bragan added to his impressive list of trophy fish with a 43 lber. Back to last Monday, John Hachadoorian clicked with bass of 37, 34 and 28 lbs. There's been on and off action with big blues at Ditch Plains. The fish, which ranged to 15 lbs., gave casters their last good shot Saturday morning. Some small bass, mostly shorts, are up front and mixed with the blues on the south side.

Up on the north shore, Stan Henschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** had just returned from doing battle with more than 20 blues to 18½ lbs. on the opposite shore. Stan reported a major blitz under way at Smith Point. He added that among the blues, were an estimated 35 lb. bass taken by another caster. Another big bass was reported dropped. On the local scene, swimming plugs (Redfins, Bombers, Rebels and Hellcats) and dropper combos accounted for loads of bass ranging from 18 to 29 inches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. An occasional larger bass as well as blues in the 2 to 4 lb. range are mixed with the school stripers. A long stretch of shore from Port Jeff to Rocky Point has been the scene of the action. Wednesday night saw Bill Stultz nail a 17 lb. striper. Stan also knew of a 38 lb. cow taken locally by a caster who preferred anonymity. This was the biggest north shore fish of the season to come to Stan's Attention.

Out on the north fork, Warren Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Shop** in Aquebogue reported some pretty good action early in the week with school bass along local beaches. The majority were shorts but some keepers including a couple in the 20 lb. class were taken among the smaller fish.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Freshwater activity seems to be winding down now as winds from the north and the constant chill in the air have put most species off their feed. A few scattered bass and pickerel are still being taken but the only consistent scores have been made with tidal trout in the Connetquot River.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reports quite a few 13"-15" trout being culled between smaller fish at Bubbles Falls on the Connetquot River. Corn kernels and worms have accounted for most of these fish. Still no reports of white perch in the tidal waters.

At **Augies Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom told us that the only freshwater action he saw all week was an angler who headed to a local tidal creek looking for white perch and ended up taking two small large mouth bass. Little else going on.

Dave Canale of **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** hadn't weighed in any trout from the Connetquot River this past week but he did know that plenty of small trout and a fair number of fish in the 12"-14" range are being taken at Bubbles Falls every day. Bass season looks like it's come to an end and white perch haven't started yet.

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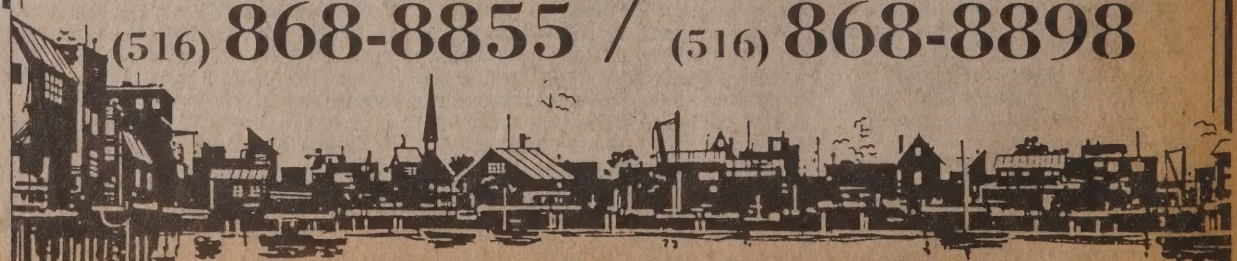

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